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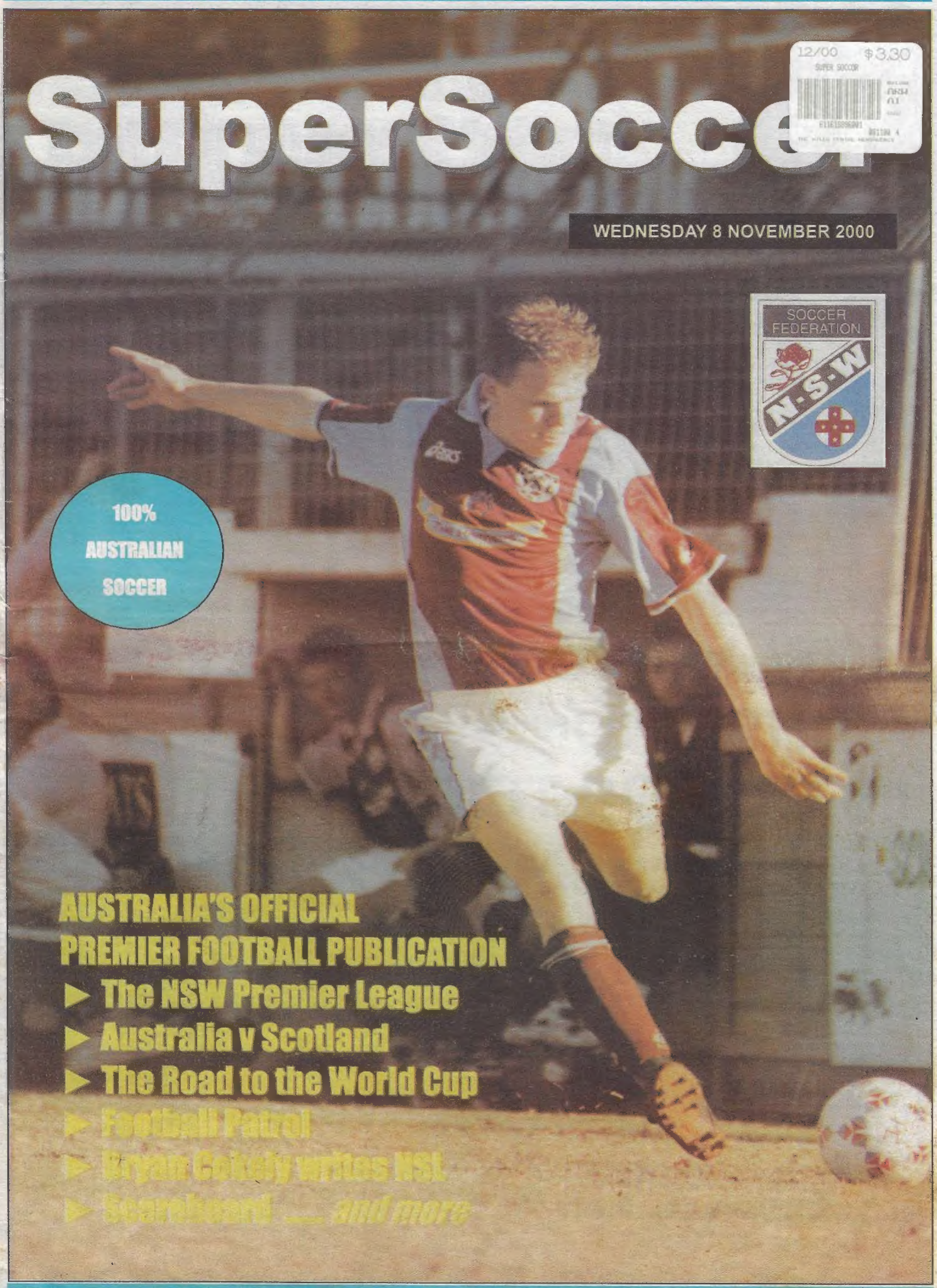

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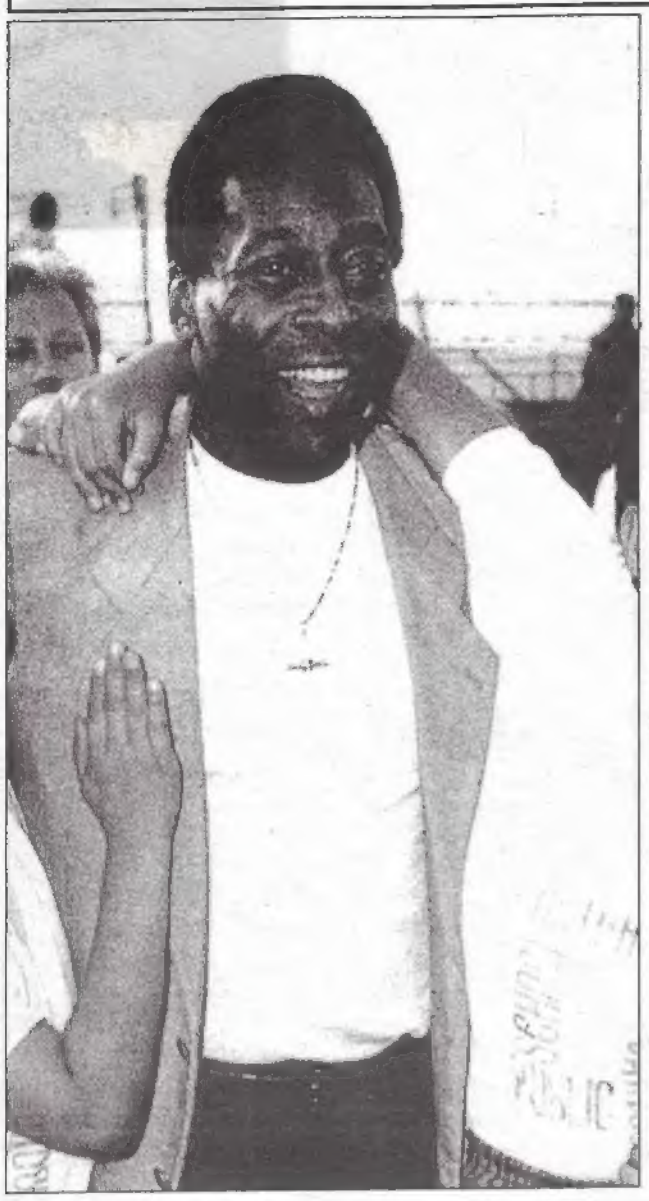

Pele attacks "slave trade" in young players

PELE, widely acclaimed as the greatest player in soccer history, has compared the international transfer of young players to the slave trade.

"In Brazil, Argentina and in Africa it is most dangerous. It is like with slave ownership," the Brazilian, who turned 60 last month, told Germany's Sueddeutsche Zeitung in an interview.

"They go to the parents, get their consent to bring 16- and 17-year-olds to Europe and if the kids don't have instant success they don't want to know and drop them.

"It is really high time to think seriously about these things," he said.

Pele said that in his role as Brazilian Sports Minister he had introduced a law to try to keep young players at their home clubs until they came of age.

"That is the only way to control the market in new recruits.

"Agents are even operating over the Internet today," he said.

World soccer's governing body FIFA presented the European Commission last week with proposals to revamp the current player transfer system, including a ban on the international transfer of minors and compensation for clubs who train young players.

The European Commission has threatened to outlaw the current system which it says breaks EU competition law and prevents footballers having the same rights to free movement as other workers in the 15-nation European Union.

Pele said players today had become too greedy.

"They earn too much and they complain too much.

"My first money was one dollar that I earned cleaning shoes.

"As a player I started out on $50 a month," he said.

Pele, who scored more than 1,000 goals in his career and won two World Cups with Brazil in 1958 and 1970, said he still felt great after turning 60 on October 23.

"I feel like I'm 35. But it is great to get older in full health.

"I'm just sad that one gradually loses one's friends."

Pele, who last played 45 minutes for Brazil in a match against a Rest of the World XI in Italy a decade ago, joked that he might even be able to manage half a match again for his country despite a knee operation two years ago.

He said that despite all his goals and trophies, his greatest success was to be a role model for other black players.

"Pele opened the door for blacks. My heart tells me that was my biggest achievement," he said.

COVER PICTURE

CITY of Blacktown have won the last three Super League titles—as our pic shows. But coach Brian Brown says the Premier league is a different proposition.

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Four-midable Viduka to face Scots

AUSTRALIA'S national coach Frnk Farina will almost certianly pin his hopes on mark Viduka when yhe announce shi final team to face Scotland at Hampedn Park ext week.

The Australian striker Mark Viduka has answered his critics with an amazing haul of four goals for Leeds United against Liverpool in the English Premier League at the weekend.

With goals in the 24th, 46th, 73rd and 75th minute, Mark Viduka gave Leeds a vital victory against the in form Liverpool.

A crowd of over 40,000 at Elland Road was witness to what is surely going to be a performance that will go down in the history books for the big Aussie striker.

Viduka became the first Australian to ever score a hatr-ttick in the English Prmeier League, and then made it a double hat-trick with his foruth even although it was shrouded in contrvoersy with claims of offside.

The tall Australian showed clinical finishing and superb ball skills as he turned around a 2-0 deficit against Liverpool at Elland Road with a brace in each half.

Leeds have been ravaged by injury all season but Viduka, David O'Leary's close-season purchase from Celtic, has made up for it by scoring nine goals in eight league appearances.

Last Saturday, he could do no wrong.

"It was one of those games where every time I had a sniff at goal it went in," said the man from Melbourne, whose match statistics read four attempts, four on target, four goals.

"Very rarely do you get those sort of games, but it was good to be part of."

Viduka said he had scored four times in a match before, "but not in this big a game.

"We got off to a pretty bad start.

"We conceded two goals from set pieces and it was an uphill battle from then.

"But you need a bit of luck in those sorts of situations and I had a couple of chances and put them away.

"And that gives the confidence back to the team."

Playing down his own contribution, Viduka said it wasn't his best performance in a football match.

"I don't think so," he said.

"I've performed better in games but I didn't score this many goals.

"It's one of those things.

"I don't think I had an exceptionally good game anyway."

Viduka, voted Scottish premier league Player of the Year in 1999-2000 -- his first full season after joining the Celtic in December 1998, has already stamped his mark on the game in Britain.

But the sparkling form since his return from the Sydney Olympics points to the 25-year-old now making a similar impact in Europe at Champions League level.

Farina will be hoping that Viduka is on similar form against Scotland.

Super League format announced

THE NSWSF has decided the make up of its two elite winter competitions. Both the Super league and First division will have 12 teams with the leagues due to start in March. Full details and fixtures for all State League competitions will be published in SuperSoccer as soon as they are available.

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FIFA invites fans' votes

WORLD soccer's ruling body FIFA has announced it is inviting fans from around the world to vote for the best players of the past 100 years.

Fans can vote on FIFA's official website www.fifa.com until Monday, November 20, and choose the most outstanding male and female player of the 20th century from the list of candidates.

Subscribers to *FIFA* magazine can nominate their best club team of the past century.

Winners of the vote will be announced at the FIFA World Footballer of the Year Gala in Rome on December 11.

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Blue Devils open new season in dazzling style

Bumper crowd makes history at Sutherland

THE Gods showed their anger on Sydney and the Central Coast last weekend with hail storms lashing parts of the metropolitan area just before the first ball was kicked in the historic NSW Premier League.

The advent of summer soccer looked in danger of being submerged under winter rain but kick off it did and a surprisingly large crowd was on hand to witness the opening match of the NSW Premier League at St George's Bestic Street ground.

Once the biggest club in Australia, St George have managed to pull themselves back after being dropped from the NSL some years back.

With a massive feeder base their appearance in the Premier League is vital for the future of football in south east Sydney.

The Saints relied on a winner from ex-Socceroo Chris Kalantzis to score a 2-1 win over the Jim Patikas-coached Canterbury Marrickville Olympic.

Olympic striker Steve Christoforidis gave his side the lead in the 37th minute but St George worked hard in the wet conditions to overtake their opponents.

On Saturday, and with the storms passed, the Belconnen Blue Devils convincingly defeated the Penrith Panthers in their first round of the NSW Premier League competition.

The match, played at the Andrews Rd stadium in Penrith finished 4-1 to Belconnen.

Penrith dominated the early exchanges and struck first, but unlike the Blue Devils were to pay for not converting their numerous chances.

Belconnen scored twice from their only two forays of the half with George Cattanach volleying home from a Steve Lazzari cross and Lazzari finishing a delightful run down the left by Geoff Howarth.

The turning point of the game came when captain Tony Giannasca pulled off a dramatic save to keep his team in the lead ten minutes into the second half.

A second goal to Lazzari, on the end of a Josh Whitington cross and the final score by Jaime Mauro after good work by Giannasca and Lazzari sealed the match.

Two goals from Robert Schroder completed a 2-1 win in the Under 19's and a superb start to the season for the club.

Early favourites and Super League title holders Blacktown managed to stave off a determined challenge from the strong Leichhardt Tigers at the Gabbie, an early goal from new signing Darren Iocca being enough to see them home 1-0.

The shock result of the round came from North Power Stadium in Gosford where Central Coast defeated NSW Premier League powerhouse, Bonnyrigg.

Bonnyrigg, so powerful in recent seasons suffered a surprise 2-1 loss at Central Coast's home for the Premier League this summer, North Power Stadium.

Coast usually begin their campaigns well, but do not often get the chance to show their own supporters their best on day one, due to kicking off on away grounds in previous seasons.

This time Adam Peatey put them ahead and while David Reid levelled for Dough Utjesenovic's side the Coasties, cheered on by a large vocal home crowd, regained the lead through big striker Nathan Byrn and hung on to win well.

With Belconnen striking it rich in their 4-1 win at Penrith the competition looks more evenly poised than usual, a point emphasised by a much stronger Sutherland side holding Parramatta Eagles to a 1-1 draw on occasion of the club's first ever appearance at Toyota Park in Cronulla.

Sutherland captain Grant Bard scored with a left-footed lob in the 2nd minute but the Sharks joy was short-lived as Niko Joseski replied just two minutes later.

Toyota Park also witnessed the biggest crowd of the round, around 5,000 taking advantage of first class facilities.

At the Gabbie the new look Blacktown City Demons began their own campaign with a very solid home win.

Blacktown paraded their new look strip, designed by kit sponsor, REAL, and also fielded a fresh looking line up.

Although the close season was short with the transition from winter to summer football, player movements were a hive of activity with the Demons losing five of their Grand Final winning side and bringing eight new players to the club.

The losses included keeper Fernando Greco to archrivals Bonnyrigg, ace striker Mark Hagger and winger Naoki Imaya to Canberra Cosmos, defensive stalwart Damien Foxe on loan to Sydney United and forward Jason Bennett who retired.

On the other side of the ledger coach Brian Brown has recruited very well as he attempts to bring home to Blacktown a fourth consecutive Championship.

Goalkeeper John Crawley returned to the club from Sydney United having previously played for the Demons in 1996 and he arrived with another ex-United player, defender Mark Racker.

The defence has further been bolstered with the acquisition of the youthful Patrick Gatt from Parramatta Power and Ben Willard from Macarthur Rams.

The cultured Latvian sweeper Vadim Mikoutski has come across from Eastern Suburbs together with striker Jimmy Aschner although Aschner is still recovering form a close season groin operation.

Former Australian Youth international Darren Iocca was signed from Fairfield Bulls and 19-year-old Robert Angievski joins the Demons midfield from Newcastle Breakers.

Joshua Maquire is still hopeful of signing on but City is still attempting to sort out his clearance from Romania club, Steau Bucharest.

Considering the number of debutants against Leichhardt, six in total, the Demons did surprisingly well and, in the first half at least, looked the more cohesive unit.

It was almost inevitable that one of the new faces would join the ranks of such luminaries as Bobby Charlton, Kevin Keegan, Ronnie Slater and Lawrie McKinna by scoring on their debut match for the club.

And not surprisingly it happened in the 14th minute.

Robert Angievski played the ball out to Ben Willard who in turn knocked a well-flighted pass to Damien Brown on the right.

Brown feinted to go outside his defender but at the last second he cut inside to leave his marker floundering and crossed a low, hard centre into the six-yard box where Darren Iocca, having timed his run to perfection, was ideally placed to side-foot the ball home for his first goal for his new club.

Brown and Angievski both went close to increasing the tally in the 24th and 26th minutes respectively but their shots shaved the outside of the upright and Stubbs-Mills should have done better for the Tigers in the 27th minute but after dribbling through a massed defence he tamely fired over the bar.

The Tigers introduced their big guns into the fray during the second half but the three substitutes, Borg, Tomasevic and Larocca, whilst raising the standard of the Leichhardt team and ensuring an increase in their side's possession, the inner-west side still failed to crack a resolute Blacktown defence and were restricted to long range shots on goal.

In fact Blacktown missed two golden opportunities to increase their lead when in the 79th minute, Steve Riches sent Iocca away on goal with only the 'keeper to beat but as he drifted left Anastasiadis came out to narrow the angle and Iocca watched agonizingly as his curling strike flashed past the wrong side of the far post.

Four minutes later and Iocca picked up captain Damon Langan's wide pass and drilled a low cross behind the defence only for Brown to scoop his attempt over the bar from five metres out.

All in all it was an open and entertaining game with both camps in with a big shout of landing the first Premier league Championship.

Best: Brown, Iocca, Mikoutski, Galluzzo, Macolino and Bruni.

With thanks to Don O'Regan, Sue Fitzpatrick and NSWSF.

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Belconnen Blue Devils V Sutherland Sharks, West Belconnen Sports Ground, 11 November, 4.30 & 7.00pm
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Home Ground: West Belconnen Sports Ground, Holt
Home Strip: Sky Blue, Navy Blue & White
Alternate Strip: Navy blue shirts, white shorts, sky blue socks.

Blacktown City Demons

Founded: 1953
Coach: Brian Brown
Home Ground: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Avenue, Seven Hills
Home Strip Shirt: Red & white stipe with black trim, Shorts: Black, Socks: Black with white trim
Alternate Strip Shirt: White with red & black trim
Shorts: Black, Socks: Black with white trim

Bonnyrigg White Eagles

Founded: 1968
Coach: Doug Utjesenovic
Home Ground: Serbian Centre, Simpson Rd, Bonnyrigg
Home Strip: Shirts red and blue; Shorts blue; Socks white
Alternate Strip: white and blue

Canterbury Marrickville Berries

Founded: 1889
Coach: Jimmy Patikas
Home Ground: Henson Park, Sydenham Rd, Marrickville
Home Strip: gold with blue trim
Alternate Strip: White, blue and gold

Central Coast Coasties

Founded: 1982
Coach: Dale Eggleton
Home Ground: Pluim Park, Tuggerah St, Lisarow
Home Strip: Shirt red/blue with white trim; Shorts blue; Socks blue with white trim
Alternate Strip: Shirt white with red/blue trim; Shorts blue; Socks blue with white trim

Leichhardt Tigers

Founded: 1954
Coach: Les DeCelis
Home Ground: Lambert Park, Marion St, Leichhardt
Home Strip: Shirt maroon with sky blue trim: Shorts Maroon with sky blue trim: Socks Maroon with sky blue trim
Alternate Strip: Shirt white with maroon & sky blue trim; Shorts white with maroon & sky blue trim; Socks white with maroon & sky blue trim

Parramatta Eagles

Found3ed: 1956
Coach: Tam Finlayson
Home Ground: Melita Stadium, Everley Rd, Chester Hill
Home Strip: shirt white with red tril; Shorts white with red tril; Socks white with red tril
Alternate Strip: Shirt red with white trim; Shorts red with white trim; Socks red with white trim

Penrith Panthers

Founded: 1990
Coach: Stan Ackerley
Home Ground: Andrews Road Field, Andrews Road, Penrith
Home Strip: Shirt white with black, green, yellow & red trim; Shorts black with white trim; Socks black with white, green, yellow & red trim
Alternate Strip: shirt white, black & red vertical stripes on sleeves; Shorts white with red trim; Socks white with red trim

St George Saints

Founded: 1924
Coach: John Sentas
Home Ground: St George Stadium, Barton Park, Rockdale
Home Strip: Shorts red with white trim; Socks green with red trim
Alternate Strip: Shirt white with red trim; Shorts white with red trim; Socks green with red trim

Sutherland Sharks

Founded: 1936
Coach: Billy McColl
Home Ground: Seymour Shaw Park, The Boulevarde, Miranda
Home Strip: Shirt sky blue & white; Shorts sky blue with white trim; Socks sky blue with white trim
Alternate Strip: Shirt yellow with blue trim; Shorts sky blue with white trim; Socks sky blue with white trim

FOOTBALL PATROL ..... FOOTBALL PATROL ..... FOOTBALL PATROL ..... FOOTBALL PA-

WEST Australian goalkeeper VINCE MATASSA has been signed up by English Conference League outfit Woking for the rest of the season, while Paul Harries (Carlisle United) and Simon Miotto (Scunthorpe) have both been released by their respective Clubs.

CANBERRA Cosmos have signed former Sanfrecce player HIROSHI MIYAZAWA.

Cosmos coach Tommy Sermanni, who spent some time as assistant coach at Sanfrecce, said: "With the pedigree and skills of Miyazawa, he will bring a lot of quality and experience to the team".

KINGZ FC has signed New Zealand international Mark Burton from German club VFB Lubeck.

ST GEORGE has lost Mark Brennan (UK), Elias Augerinos (Sydney Olympic), and Jim Bakis who is trialing in Greece with OFI Crete.

Coach John Sentas has recruited former Socceroo Chris Kalantzis and George Zabetakis from Fairfield to restore experience to his squad.

CANTERBURY Marrickville has added Sutherland recruits Jim Corbo and Con Paradisis and John Kyriazopoulos from Sydney Olympic.

CANBERRA Cosmos are awaiting Soccer Australia approval to sign English midfielder BARRY GUILDFORD.

The former Chelsea youth team player is still awaiting documentation to support his application which has hit a snag because he was never registered as a professional with the London club.

MILTON CORTES, an attacking midfielder who has played in the Uruguay first division and has been on the fringes of national selection for that country, has joined the Cosmos on trial.

JAVIER MANCINO will captain Bonnyrigg White Eagles this season following the departure of Ben Green.

BLACKTOWN City is negotiating for the signatures of former Marconi Stallion DARREN IOCCA and JOSHUA MAGUIRE, a midfielder who has recently spent time in Romania with Steaua Bucharest.

LEICHHARDT has signed RICHARD LUKSIC (Bankstown City) and the Fairfield Bulls duo of MATTHEW BORG and SM LA ROCCA.

VUKO TOMASEVIC has returned to the club after trials with Perth Glory but lost to the Tigers is YANE TALCEVSKI who is trialing in France.

NOEL SPENCER will be missing from the Northern Spirit squad for at least a couple of weeks with a shin splint injury.

SOUTH Melbourne's Robert Liparoti is out for the season after sustaining a serious knee injury against Carlton.

Liparoti is facing a knee reconstruction.

WOLLONGONG'S Socceroo wing back ALVIN CECCOLI is out for the next three or four weeks with a shin injury.

NEWCASTLE United 'keeper Bob Catlin and his wife Jane have just had their third child.

MARCONI'S veteran Scottish utility MIKE SMITH is struggling back to fitness after a groin injury which will likely see him out of action for the rest of November.

Dr Alesana Seluka, a Minister of the Parliament of Tuvalu, was welcomed at Canberra Cosmos training last week.

Tuvalu is a Pacific country consisting of nine islands just north of Fiji, with a population of 11,000 and strong links to Fiji's football association.

CHRISTIAN KAREMBEU

Mr Bob Sercombe MP, member for Maribyrnong arranged the meeting with Cosmos coach TOM SERMANNI after speaking with delegates at a recent Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Seminar.

Dr Seluka has strong and talented players in his region that do not have the opportunities or the facilities available for development to world class level.

The only area on the main island on which they can play football is the air-strip.

Pacific island players such as Karembeu, who played in France's 1998 World Cup winning team, show the football potential of the region.

WOLLONGONG Wolves are looking at English midfielder Max Nicholson (Woodlands Wellington, Singapore) and Turkish striker Ayhan Tumani (NEC Nijmegen, Holland).

Nicholson is currently trialing at the south coast club while Tumani will arrive this week.

JAY LUCAS became one of the youngest ever NSL players in history when he made his debut for the Wollongong Wolves in their round two fixture against Carlton.

In making his debut aged 15 years and 282 days old, Lucas was exactly the same age on debut as Danny Wright (since retired) when he made his NSL debut for the Brisbane Lions against St George in August 1980.

Lucas and Wright are the equal fifth youngest ever NSL players.

The youngest ever NSL player was DANIEL WATKINS (now with Northern Spirit) who was 14 years 268 days old on debut for the Parramatta Eagles against the then Gippsland Falcons (now named Eastern Pride) in April 1995.

The election for a new Oceania Confederation president will take place on December 13.

Soccer Australia chairman Basil Scarsella and acting OFC president Johnny Tinsley Lulu (Vanuatu) are the main candidates.

DARREN IOCCA: SIGNED FOR BLACKTOWN

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Jimmy Patikas in his playing days at Sydney United. Now the former Socceroo is coaching NSW Premier League club Canterbury Marrickville.

EDITORIAL

SPENDING the last week speaking to a lot of Premier League coaches, officials and players has been an interesting experience.

One thing which has shone out like a beacon is that the groundswell of opinion indicates it is time that football in Australia became more organised rather than less.

There is, of course, a divide in opinion.

Some would rather see the National League format revert to a state base, with winners playing off against each other in an Australian championship.

Others are more than happy with the present format but would like to see some kind of developed integration between the states with an acknowledgement from Soccer Australia that there is a pathway from state league football to the NSL.

At the same time these conversations are going on amongst the state presidents and NSL commissioners.

There is little doubt that the present position of football is in a melting pot; the good thing is that it is a healthy melting pot.

The doom-sayers will point to the fact that clubs are struggling to meet their financial commitments; rugby league continues to dominate the sports pages; our game is run by half wits, and so on.

But looking at the positive side there are record numbers of juniors playing all over the country, and in New South Wales in particular,

Record numbers do not come because our administration is incompetent, far from it.

And the clubs, surely that is the nature of the game they are in—they will always spend more on players, taking a gamble that it will pay off.

In that respect is our game any different from that in any other country?

It doesn't seem that long ago that Manchester United were rocked by financial woes, now they have become the global leader in football branding.

The sports pages are the sports pages; our game is placed in certain positions because that is how a sports editor sets his publication up.

All sports have their places within a general paper and the whinge from other sports is no different.

Having had the pleasure of working in several other sports as a journalist it is refreshing to know that they complain about the amount of space that soccer gets.

The general opinion in other sports is that soccer gets far more coverage than it deserves.

That is an opinion which is hard to follow because this game is the number two sport in every Australian state.

But the one refreshing thread that emerged last week is that the vast majority of people are happy that the game is going in the right direction (and that has to be a first).

The new summer Premier League, even with teething problems, has been greeted by the game with relish.

It is a pity that the general press, and even some sections of the soccer press, have ignored it—but then surely everyone expected that to happen.

Obviously the success of the Premier League will pose new questions for football in this country; is that the direction that the semi pro game needs to go in all other states; how much follow-on is needed at other levels; should junior football go that way as well?

These were questions which were asked in 1977 and are now being asked again.

The answers aren't quite so obvious but the good news is that the question is being discussed, and discussed at all levels.

A good news week—let's hope it is the start of a real upward push, one which will see the other sports complain even more about our coverage; we deserve it.

Bruce Campbell

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN FOOTBALL

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE
ROUND 2
Friday 10 November
Leichhardt Tigers v St George
Parramatta Eagles v Blacktown City
Saturday 11 November
Canterbury Marrickville v Central Coast
Bonnyrigg White Eagles v Penrith Panthers
Belconnen Blue Devils v Sutherland Sharks

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ROUND 5
Friday 10 November
Auckland Kingz v Adelaide City Force
Eastern Pride v Perth Glory
Saturday 11 November
Northern Spirit v Newcastle United
Parramatta Power v Canberra Cosmos
Wollongong Wolves v Brisbane Strikers
Sunday 12 November
South Melbourne v Melbourne Knights
Sydney United v Marconi Stallions
Sydney Olympic v Carlton

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Northern Division)
ROUND 5
Friday 10 November
NSWIS Vs AIS
Saturday 11 November
Northern Spirit v Newcastle United
Parramatta Power v Canberra Cosmos
Wollongong Wolves v QAS
Sydney United v Marconi Stallions Youth
Sunday 12 November
Marconi Stallions Colts v Sydney Olympic Academy
Newcastle United Colts v ACT Academy
BYE: Sydney Olympic Youth

INTERNATIONAL
Wednesday 15 November
Scotland v Australia

CONMEBOL WORLD CUP MATCHES (Oceania plays 5th)
Tuesday 14 November
Bolivia v Uruguay
Brazil v Colombia
Paraguay v Peru
Chile v Argentina
Venezuela v Ecuador

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Words exchanged in the ongoing Euro transfer system wrangle

WORLD soccer's governing body FIFA has presented the European Commission with proposals to revamp the current player transfer system.

A letter from FIFA secretary-general Michel Zen-Ruffinen arrived in Brussels as the deadline expired for the sport to come up with a plan to persuade the Commission not to sweep away the transfer system.

But, crucially, the proposals came without the blessing of players' union FIFPro.

The Commission declined to give details of the plans, drawn up by a joint FIFA/ UEFA Task Force, but said they contained six main elements.

These include a ban on the international transfer of minors, compensation for clubs who have trained young players, the "respect for contracts", set periods during the year when transfers can take place, a system of arbitration and what the Commission called "transitional arrangements".

"The Commission will be interested to see whether the proposals as they stand meet the legal concerns that it has raised and also the extent to which they provide for support for training of young players and provide for greater solidarity between the big and the small clubs," it said in a statement.

After years of often acrimonious debate, European Competition Commissioner Mario Monti set a October 31 deadline for soccer chiefs to come up with a workable alternative to the current transfer system, or risk having it outlawed.

Monti argues that the existing set-up breaks EU competition law and prevents footballers having the same rights to free movement enjoyed by other workers in the 15-nation European Union.

The sport's leading figures say the abolition of the system as it stands would plunge football into chaos, putting the squeeze on small clubs and producing a free-for-all as players move from club to club at will.

Commission officials declined to give any timetable for completing their assessment of the plans but said Monti has previously indicated that he wants to come to a decision by the end of this year.

Matters will be complicated by the fact that the Commission's competition, sport and employment departments must come to a joint position on the plans before Monti can enter into negotiations with the football authorities.

Spokesmen stressed that, legally-speaking, the Commission's dispute is with FIFA, but said "the views of all interested parties will have to be taken into account".

Hopes that the sport could present a united front in Brussels were dashed when FIFPro's chairman Gordon Taylor refused to attend the key meeting of the Task Force.

Taylor said the group's proposals were too ambiguous, failed to take account of players' demands and betrayed "a hidden agenda to maintain the status quo".

Once the Commission has considered the proposals, the business of thrashing out an acceptable compromise will begin.

"I expect FIFA will want to talk to us on both a technical and a political level," spokesman Christophe Forax said.

"We believe FIFPro wants to come to the Commission and say why they don't agree with the plans and perhaps make an alternative proposal.

If they want to come and see us, our doors are always open."

FIFA president Sepp Blatter will fight to bring the players back to the negotiating table as the European Commission examines their transfer plans.

The central components of the FIFA report include:

- a desire to end all international transfers for players under 18.
- a compensation system for the training and development of all players between the ages of 12 and 23.
- a biannual transfer window.
- the imposition of a rule which limits any player to just one transfer per season.
- respect for contracts.
- an arbitration system in case of breach of contract.
- a transitional period before the new system comes into force.

"The proposals will form the basis of the intended negotiations, which we trust will start as soon as possible," said Blatter.

"It is our hope that an agreement will be possible by the previously proposed deadline December 31.

"At the same time, the intention is to still continue the dialogue with the players' union, FIFPro."

Blatter had a blazing row with FIFPro chairman Gordon Taylor in Zurich following the players' decision to quit the transfer Task Force before a final solution could be reached.

It means that FIFA cannot claim to be speaking on behalf of the 'football family' he talks so fondly of.

Blatter has been widely criticised for his handling of the entire issue, culminating in accusations that he was trying to reach an agreement with Taylor without consulting the rest of the Task Force.

This has angered UEFA, who had taken the lead in negotiations after what they saw as complete inaction from the world governing body.

But UEFA chief executive Gerhard Aigner maintained an air of unity as he spoke of the desire to reach an agreement with the EC.

"Our proposals have received the overwhelming support of national associations, leagues and clubs and provide a real way forward.

"We hope that the Commission and European national governments will recognise the commonsense behind this document and seek a sensible agreement which safeguards the future of our game and meets the interests of fans.

"The time has come to end the uncertainty and begin the process of agreeing solutions."

While the Task Force is not scheduled to meet until the EC have responded, informal discussions will continue to take place aimed at sorting out the finite details of the compensation packages.

"I firmly believe that the Task Force and its three working groups have done an excellent job and we are now looking forward to a positive dialogue with the European Commission," said Task Force chairman Per Ravn Omdal.

A spokesman for the Commission confirmed that the proposals had been received.

"We will be looking into them as a matter of extreme importance," he said.

TIMETABLE OF TRANSFER TWISTS

SuperSoccer looks at how events have unfolded since FIFA first went public over a legal challenge to their transfer laws first thrown down when Italian side Perugia complained to the EC that the convention of paying a transfer fee for a player who was still under contract was illegal under the Treaty of Rome because it infringed an individual's freedom of movement rights.

August 5 - FIFA general secretary Michel Zen-Ruffinen predicts 'the end of football' unless the world governing body can mount a successful defence to the 'Perugia case' which is due to go before the European Court by the end of the year.

August 17 - The 'Perugia case' collapses but the European Commission remains convinced that major changes need to be made to the current transfer regulations because they contravene EU employment law.

August 31 - FIFA president Sepp Blatter stuns the football world by announcing the convention of paying transfer fees for players over the age of 24 is 'a thing of the past'.

September 1 - UEFA general secretary Gerhard Aigner rejects Blatter's controversial statement and insists the fight to retain transfer fees will continue.

September 6 - A six-man Transfer Task Force is appointed by FIFA to lead talks with the European Commission in the attempt to find a legal solution to the problem. The Task Force is led by UEFA vice-president Per Omdal and also includes Gerhard Aigner (UEFA chief executive), Michel Zen-Ruffinen (FIFA general secretary), Pedro Tomas (Spanish League general secretary), Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder (German FA vice-president) and Gordon Taylor (chairman of European players' union FIFPro).

September 8 - European Competitions' Commissioner Mario Monti extends the deadline for FIFA to put forward their alternatives to the present system to October 31, with a final solution to be determined by the end of the year.

September 9 - Prime Minister Tony Blair and his German counterpart Gerhard Schroeder launch an impassioned plea to the European Commission not to scrap the worldwide transfer system.

September 13 - The Transfer Task Force holds its first meeting in Switzerland and vow to win the political battle.

October 6 - Players' representative Gordon Taylor threatens to quit the Task Force because he does not believe the concerns of his members are being addressed in discussions.

October 13 - The Task Force admits the diverse nature of individual European employment laws means a unified transfer system across the continent will be impossible to achieve.

October 20 - All 51 members of UEFA unite behind a statement vowing to safeguard the interests of the game, even if it means launching a legal fight with the European Commission.

October 27 - Taylor quits final session aimed at finding an alternative to the present system after the proposals of FIFPro were not discussed by a plenary session and becomes involved in a blazing row with FIFA president Sepp Blatter.

October 31 - FIFA's proposals delivered to the European Commission, who it is believed will respond by the middle of November.

The Commission have set themselves a deadline of December 31 to reach a firm conclusion.

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

Saturday November 11

Belconnen Blue Devils

v

Sutherland Sharks

West Belconnen Sports Centre
Hardwick Crescent, Holt

Under 19's kick-off at 4:30pm
First grade kick-off at 7:00pm

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Scotland game to be shown live on SBS

SOCCEROO Coach FRANK FARINA has delayed naming his 20-man squad for the upcoming game against Scotland, although it was expected to be released as *SuperSoccer* went to press.

Farina was anxious to monitor the fitness of several key members of his squad, and wanted to wait until after the weekend's round of club fixtures in Australia and overseas before announcing the team.

Australia is due to play Scotland at Hampden Park in Glasgow on November 15 with an 8.00pm kick-off locally, (November 16 Australian time), with the Scottish squad also due to be named this week.

The match will be broadcast on SBS Television, with live coverage to NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and ACT at 6.45am on November 16, and delayed coverage to the other States

And one player who can expect an international call-up this week is out of favour Manchester United goalkeeper Mark Bosnich.

Bosnich, who withdrew from the Socceroo side which played in the recent three-nation tournament against Dubai for personal reasons, has been shunned by United who are trying to offload him on loan to other clubs

But Socceroo coach Frank Farina said he understood why Bosnich did not play in the last series and accepted the goalkeeper's reasons.

With Middlesbrough 'keeper Mark Schwarzer recovering from a broken thumb, Bosnich is likely to be the first name listed by Farina.

Also out through injury for the November 15 game at Glasgow's Hampden Park are Middlesbrough's Paul Okon, Leeds striker Harry Kewell and Glasgow Rangers defenders Tony Vidmar and Craig Moore.

Ned Zelic made a scoring return to first team action for Bundesliga side Munchen 1860 recently. Zelic has declined the opportunity to be part of Frank Farina's international plans and for the moment stays on the outer. The Socceroos will miss the classy *libero* against Scotland, particularly as a mounting injury toll scythes Farina's possible squad. Ray Baartz remains the only Aussie to have ever scored a goal against a Scottish international side—after six outings.

Farina will call his players into camp two days before the Wednesday game.

While that's precious little time, he has no say in the matter as all the squad will have been involved in league fixtures on the weekend.

Farina intends to play more quality opposition in the lead up to the World Cup qualifiers and expects a tough outing against Scotland.

"They drew with Croatia the other week and they really look very good at the moment and these are the type of teams we should be playing," he said

"We can play lesser teams and win comfortably but we don't learn anything from that."

A proposed game early next year against Northern Ireland has fallen through.

AUSTRALIA v SCOTLAND: The History

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL
March 27, 1996. Scotland 1 Australia 0 (Hampden Park, Glasgow). Att: 20,608. Scorer: McCoist (53)
SCOTLAND: Leighton, Burley, Boyd, O'Neil, Hendry, McKinlay, Spencer, McStay, McCoist, McAllister, Collins. Subs: Nevin, Coach: Craig Brown.
AUSTRALIA: Bosnich, T. Vidmar, Popovic, Van Blerk, Slater, Horvat, Arnold, A.Vidmar, Corica, Veart (Tiatto 69), Tobin. Coach. Eddie Thomson.

WORLD CUP ELIMINATOR
Dec 4, 1985. Australia 0 Scotland 0 (Melbourne). Att: 29,500
AUSTRALIA. Greedy, Yankos, Davidson, Ratcliffe, Dunn (Farina), Jennings, Patikas, Crino (Odzakov), Murphy, Mitchell, Kosmina
SCOTLAND: Leighton; Gough, Malpas, Souness, McLeish, Miller W, Speedie (Sharp), McStay, McAvennie, Aitken R, Cooper

Nov 20, 1985 Scotland 2 Australia 0 (Hampden Park, Glasgow) Att: 61,920
SCOTLAND: Leighton; Nicol, Malpas, Souness, McLeish, Miller W, Dalglish (Sharp 72), Strachan, McAvennie, Aitken R, Cooper.
AUSTRALIA: Greedy, Yankos, Davidson, Ratcliffe, S O'Connor (Dunn), Jennings, Watson (Patikas), Murphy, Crino, Kosmina (C), Mitchell.

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS*
May 28, 1967. Australia 0 Scotland 1. (Sydney) Att: 34,750
AUSTRALIA. Fuzes, Nuttall, Marnoch, Watkiss, Cook, Warren, Hughes, Westwater, Giles (Giacometti), Baartz, Blue
May 31, 1967. Australia 1 Scotland 2 (Adelaide) Att: 12,500. Australian Scorer: Ray Baartz
AUSTRALIA: Rorke, Shepherd, Marnoch, Cook, van Blerk, Hughes, Watkiss, Westwater, Giacometti, Baartz, McMeechan (Blue)
June 3, 1967. Australia 0 Scotland 2 (Melbourne) Att: 22,000
AUSTRALIA: Fuzes (Rorke), Shepherd, Marnoch, Rice, van Blerk, Hughes, Watkiss, Westwater, Abonyi, Warren, Morrow (Giacometti).

* NOTE: Although most Australian records show these 1967 matches as full internationals they were only B games. The matches are not recorded in SFA or FIFA records and the Scottish viewpoint is that this basically a second division team on an end of season tour of the Far East and has such has no official status.

Scotland's international matches since they last played Australia—illustrating just how hard Frank Farina's side will find it at Hampden next week.

2000
Croatia 1 - Scotland 1, 11th October, Zagreb (World Cup Qualifier)
San Marino 0 - Scotland 2, 7th October , San Marino (World Cup Qualifier)
Latvia 0 - Scotland 1, 6th September, Riga, Latvia (World Cup Qualifier)
Republic of Ireland 1 - Scotland 2, 30th May, Landsdowne Rd, Dublin (Friendly Match)
The Netherlands 0 - Scotland 0, 26th April, Gelredrome Stadium, Arnhem, NL (Friendly Match)
Scotland 0 - France 2, 29th March, Hampden Park, Glasgow (Friendly Match - Official Opening of the revamped Hampden Park)

1999
England 0 - Scotland 1, 17th November, Wembley Park, London (EURO 2000 Play-Off Tie, 2nd Leg)
Scotland 0 - England 2, 13th November, Hampden Park, Glasgow (EURO 2000 Play-Off Tie, 1st Leg)
Scotland 3 - Lithuania 0, 9th October, Hampden Park, Glasgow (EURO 2000 Qualifier)
Scotland 1 - Bosnia 0, 5th October, Ibrox Park, Glasgow (EURO 2000 Qualifier)
Estonia 0 - Scotland 0, 8th September, Tallinn, Estonia (EURO 2000 Qualifier)
Bosnia-Herzegovina 1 - Scotland 2, 4th September, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Hercegovina (EURO 2000 Qualifier)
Czech Republic 3 - Scotland 2, Prague, Czech Republic, Wed 9th June (EURO 2000 Qualifier)
Faroe Islands 1 - Scotland 1, Toftir Stadium, Faroe Islands, 5th June (EURO 2000 Qualifier)
Germany 0 - Scotland 1, Bremen, Germany, 28th April (Friendly)
Scotland 1 - Czech Republic 2, Celtic Park, Glasgow, 31st March 1999 (EURO 2000 Qualifier)

1998
Scotland 2 - Faroe Islands 1, Pittodrie Stadium, Aberdeen, 14th October (EURO 2000 Qualifier)
Scotland 3 - Estonia 2, Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh, 10th October 19(EURO 2000 Qualifier)
Lithuania 0 - Scotland 0, Vilnius, Lithuania, 5th September 1998 (EURO 2000 Qualifier)
Morocco 3 - Scotland 0, Stade Geoffrey Guichard, Saint Etienne, France, 23rd June (World Cup Finals)
Norway 1 - Scotland 1, Stade Lescure, Bordeaux, France, 16th June (World Cup Finals)
Brazil 2 - Scotland 1, Stade Saint Denis, Paris, France, 10th June (World Cup Finals)
USA 0 - Scotland 0, RFK Stadium, Washington DC, 30th May (Friendly)
Columbia 2 - Scotland 2, Giants Stadium, NYC, 24nd May (Friendly)
Scotland 1 - Finland 1, Easter Rd, Edinburgh, 22nd April (Friendly)
Scotland 0 - Denmark 1, Ibrox Park, Glasgow, Scotland, 25th March (Friendly)

1997
France 2 - Scotland 1, St Etienne, France, 12th November (Friendly)
Scotland 2 - Latvia 0, Celtic Park, Glasgow, Scotland, 11th October (W.Cup Qualifier)
Scotland 4 - Belarus 1, Aberdeen, Scotland, 7th September (W. Cup Qualifier)
Belarus 0 - Scotland 1, Minsk, Belarus, 8th June (W.Cup Qualifier)
Malta 2 - Scotland 3, Ta Qali Stadium, Malta, 1st June (Friendly Match)
Scotland 0 - Wales 1, Kilmarnock, Scotland, 27th May (Friendly Match)
Sweden 2 - Scotland 1, Gothenburg, Sweden, 30th April (W.Cup Qualifier)
Scotland 2 - Austria 0, Glasgow, Scotland, 2nd April (W Cup Qualifier)
Scotland 2 - Estonia 0, Kilmarnock, Scotland, 29th March (W.Cup Qualifier)
Estonia 0 - Scotland 0, Monaco, France, 11th February (W Cup Qualifier)

1996
Scotland 1 - Sweden 0, Glasgow, Scotland, 10th November (W Cup Qualifier)
Latvia 0 - Scotland 2, Riga, Latvia, 5th October (W Cup Qualifier)
Austria 0 - Scotland 0, Vienna, Austria, 31st August (W.Cup Qualifier)
Switzerland 0, Scotland 1, Birmingham, England, 18th June - EURO'96
England 2, Scotland 0, London, 15th June - EURO'96
The Netherlands 0, Scotland 0, Birmingham, England, 10th June - EURO'96
Columbia 1, Scotland 0, Miami, Florida, 29th May
USA 2, Scotland 1, New Britain, CT, 26th May
Denmark 2, Scotland 0, Copenhagen, 24th April
Scotland 1, Australia 0, Glasgow, 27th March

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NSW SAPPHIRES

'99/00 Placing Champions
'99/00 Top Scorer Julie MURRAY (6 goals)
Team Colours Light Blue jersey / Navy shorts / Light Blue socks or White/Blue/White

The reigning champions swept all before them last season, losing just the one game before going on to take a tight Grand Final, a 1-0 win over SASI Pirates. The Sapphires thus became the first team to claim the title twice. They have three Matildas/Olympians in their ranks - Anissa Tann-Darby, Kelly Golebiowski, and Heather Garriock - plus a group of quality youngsters, and should have the class and depth to challenge once more. New coach Allan Bourke is looking forward to his first league season.

N°	*Name*	*Pos*	*DOB*	*History*
1	Cassandra KELL	GK	08/08/80	Nat Train-On Sqd '98. Aust'n U21 Team '99
2	Kristine COLLINS	D	20/10/81	Nat League '96/97 '99/00
3	Lisa WARRENER	D	24/07/69	NSW Senior Team '93-97
4	Neisha KLESSATTEL	M	24/05/80	Nat League '96/97 '97/98 '99/00
5	Taryn ROCKALL (v/c)	M	11/11/77	Nat Train-On Sqd '97-98. Aust'n U21 Team '97
6	Anissa TANN-DARBY (c)	D	10/10/67	Olympic Games '00. World Cup'95 '99
7	Lisa COLLINS	M	29/09/80	Nat League '96/97 '99/00
8	Kelly GOLEBIOWSKI	F	26/07/81	Olympic Games '00. World Cup '99
9	Justine McLAUGHLIN	F	02/03/84	Australian U17 Team '00
10	Michelle CARNEY	F	30/12/81	Australian U21 Team '99
11	Heather GARRIOCK	M	21/12/82	Olympic Games '00. Australian Team '99-00
12	Thea SLATYER	U	02/02/83	Nat League '98/99
13	Catherine CANNULI	F	03/03/86	NSW Youth Team '99. NSW Junior Team '99-00
14	Kylie LEDBROOK	M	20/03/86	NSW Junior Team '00
15	Nicole KIMBER	M	06/01/84	NSW Youth Team '00
16	Justine KING	GK	02/02/83	Australian U17 Team '00
17	Lisa GILBERT	D	09/12/78	Nat League '99/00
18	Alison HOGG	D	22/09/84	NSW Youth Team '00
19	Collette McCALLUM	M	26/03/86	NSW Youth Team '00. Ex-WA
20	Kathryn COLLINS	D	23/02/84	Australian U17 Team '00
21	Emma DAVISON	M	04/05/85	NSW Youth Team '00

Coach : Allan BOURKE
Asst Coach/Manager : Vicki LINTON
Physiotherapist : Darryl DARKE
Head of Delegation : Jodie CAMDEN

NSW SAPPHIRES SKIPPER ANISSA TANN DARBY

CANBERRA ECLIPSE

'99/00 Placing 5th
'99/00 Top Scorer Dior FOXHILL (4 goals)
Team Colours Yellow jersey / Blue shorts / Blue socks or White /Blue/White

Canberra have the largest number of Matildas in their ranks with five, including three Olympians - Sacha Wainwright, Amy Wilson, and Perta-Claire Hepperlin, plus Joanne Butland, and Amy Taylor. The remainder of their large squad consists of the young ACT Academy athletes, plus the addition of older local players for the first time. Last season, a lack of strike power was their weakness, and is again an area which may cause some concern. The brevity of the season is not likely to play in new coach Rod Lynes' favour, whose challenge will be to mould this new combination into a competitive team.

N°	*Name*	*Pos*	*DOB*	*History*
1	Joanne BUTLAND	GK	24/11/78	Olympic 2000 'Alternate'. From QLD
2	Katrina STANIFORTH	D	29/04/83	Nat League '99/00
3	Sacha WAINWRIGHT	D	06/02/72	Olympic Games 2000. World Cup '95
4	Tal KARP	M	30/12/81	Nat Train-On Sqd '98. Aust'n U19 Team '98.
5	Amy TAYLOR	D	11/06/79	Olympic 2000 'Alternate'. World Cup '99
6	Julia HOY	D	30/09/82	ACTAS '00. ACT Junior Team '98-99
7	Perta-Claire HEPPERLIN	M	24/12/81	Olympic Games '00. World Cup '99
8	Amy WILSON	M	09/06/80	Olympic Games '00. World Cup '99
9	Kerenna RAWSON	M/F	25/06/84	Nat League '99/00
10	Kim CHANNING	F	08/02/82	Australian U21 Team '99
11	Cindy DOYLE	D/F	09/06/76	Nat Train-On Sqd '96-98. Aust'n Youth '95
12	Danielle HEPPERLIN	M	11/11/80	Nat League '96/97 '97/98 '98/99 '99/00
13	Simone BORUCINSKI	D/M	19/10/83	Australian U17 Team '00
14	Anni KUNZ	M	30/04/84	ACTAS '00. ACT Youth Team '00
15	Caitlin MUNOZ	M/F	04/10/83	Nat League '98/99 '99/00
16	Clare MADDEN	M	03/11/81	Nat League '97/98 '98/99 '99/00
17	Karen HEATH	M	15/04/75	Ex-NNSW ITC
18	Kim NEILSON	D	27/03/79	
19	Amy BEATTIE	GK	08/09/80	Nat League '96/97 '97/98 '98/99 '99/00
20	Sue READ	GK	11/08/75	National Train-On Squad '97
21	Gill THOMSON	M/F	28/08/76	Nat Train-On Squad '96. Ex-NSW ITC
22	Amanda RILEY	F	30/10/81	ACT Youth Team '98

Coach : Rod LYNES
Asst Coach : Katrina NEUSS Australian Youth Team '87
Manager : Kay FISHER
Physiotherapist : David BERG

NORTHERN NSW PRIDE

'99/00 Placing 4th
'99/00 Top Scorer Sunni HUGHES (5 goals)
Team Colours Red-Black jersey / Black shorts / Black socks or White-Black/Black/Black

Last year they finished in fourth place, their best ever league showing, and just reward for a team which has been brave enough to field a team of talented youngsters since the very first season. And so it was no coincidence when Northern NSW produced five representatives for this year's Australian U17 Team, the most of any State. With a core of players having three or even four year's national league experience behind them, these youngsters will have the chance to really prove themselves this season, with the absence of Northern's three Matildas. As most of the group have trained and competed together year-round for some time, the Pride are a strong unit.

N°	*Name*	*Pos*	*DOB*	*History*
1	Jenny PRASZCZALEK	GK	27/06/77	Nat League '96/97 '97/98 '98/99 (NSW) '99/00
2	Lorissa STEVENS	D	08/04/85	Australian U17 Team '00
3	Rachael ALLEY	D/M	15/11/82	Australian U19 Team '98
4	Pelay INGLES (v/c)	D	01/11/80	Nat League '97/98 '99/00
5	Ashley WILSON	D/M	27/12/83	Nat League '98/99
6	Amber NEILSON (c)	M	14/12/84	Australian U17 Team '00
7	Lauren COLTHORPE	M	25/10/85	NNSW Youth Team '00
8	Rose DUNNE	M/F	02/09/83	NNSW Youth Team '00
9	Tara McMINN	M	03/01/84	Nat League '98/99 '99/00
10	Hayley CRAWFORD	F	27/03/84	Australian U17 Team '00
11	Katie GILL	F	10/12/84	Australian U17 Team '00
12	Julie KING	D/F	15/05/82	Nat League '98/99 '99/00
13	Mamie SCEVAK	D/M	29/01/84	Nat League '99/00
14	Harmonie ATTWILL	D	26/07/84	NNSW Youth Team '00
15	Naomi ABBOTT	D/M	26/08/83	NNSW Youth Team '00
16	Alison LOGUE	GK	06/03/87	NNSW Junior Team '00
17	Meegan SHEPHERD	D/M	20/01/84	NNSW Youth Team '00
18	Aimie NEILSON	F	18/11/83	Nat League '98/99
19	Elisa MINOGUE	F	07/12/84	NNSW Debut
20	Jodie RANDALL	D/F	04/06/81	Nat Train-On Sqd '97. Aust'n Junior Team '95
21	Bronwyn NUTLEY	D/M	22/06/83	Australian U17 Team '00

Coach : Mark JONES Former Australian Squad Member
Asst Coach : Renaye ISERIEF Australian Team '83-84, '86-87
Manager : Jodie RANDALL
Sports Trainer : John WOLINSKI
Team Conditioner : Paul NANCARROW

QUEENSLAND STING

'99/00 Placing 3rd
'99/00 Top Scorer Belinda DAWNEY (7 goals)
Team Colours Maroon jersey / Maroon shorts / Maroon-White socks

After zero goals or points after the first three rounds last year, Sting swept all before them in the second half of the season to miss the Grand Final by one point. This time around, the experienced Sting combination looks ready to do the job. Despite the absence of their top scorer and two defenders, the QAS outfit is a well balanced unit. Three Olympians - Bryony Duus, Kate McShea, and Alicia Ferguson - head the lineup, together with four ex-internationals, and a handful of new young players.

N°	*Name*	*Pos*	*DOB*	*History*
1	Claire NICHOLS	GK	08/07/75	World Cup '95. Australian Team '89, '94-95
2	Traci BARTLETT	D	17/05/72	World Cup '95 99. Austn Team '91-99.
3	Zoe NOLAN	D	08/06/79	Nat League '97/98 (VIC) '98/99 '99/00. Ex-TAS
4	Jamara MAZA	M	27/10/81	Nat League '99/00. Ex-VIC
5	Sarah BLACKWELL	D	18/01/83	Nat League '99/00
6	Olivia HOHNKE	M	08/08/78	Nat League '96/97 '98/99 '99/00
7	Kate McSHEA	D	13/04/83	Olympic Games '00. Australian Team '00
8	Bryony DUUS	M	07/10/77	Olympic Games '00. Aust'n Team '96-98, '00
9	Kim REVELL (capt)	M	16/03/75	Australian Team '94-99
10	Lisa DUNNE	F	26/10/67	Australian Team '84, '91-97
11	April MANN	F	21/04/78	National Train-On Squad '98
12	Elizabeth RATCLIFFE	GK	20/09/80	Debut
13	Alexis TRAMACCHI	M	02/11/82	Nat League '99/00
14	Alicia FERGUSON	F	31/10/81	Olympic Games '00. World Cup '99
15	Pam GRANT	D	05/11/82	Debut
16	Lana HARCH	F	23/11/84	Australian U17 Team '00
17	Jessica MITCHELL	F	29/05/83	Australian U17 Team '00
18	Elissia CANHAM	M	29/04/85	QAS '00. QLD Youth Team '99
19	Karla REUTER	M	14/06/84	Australian U17 Team '00

WNSL

Women's National Soccer League

SEASON 2000/2001

- Canberra Eclipse - NSW Sapphires -
- Northern NSW Pride -
- Queensland Sting - Adelaide Sensation -
- Victoria Vision -

Coach : Michael MULVEY
Asst Coach : Ken STEAD
Manager : Lesley MANN
Physiotherapist : Clayton DALY

ADELAIDE SENSATION

'99/00 Placing Runners-Up
'99/00 Top Scorer Sharon BLACK (4 goals)
Team Colours White-Red jersey / White shorts / White socks or Red / Red / Red

This will be the toughest challenge yet for the team which holds the amazing record of having played in every Grand Final to date, four in all. Since the very first season, have always fielded a young team, but this year need to overcome the loss of three of their most senior players to overseas clubs, most significantly Olympian Sharon Black. Rebuilding for this SASI outfit means more youngsters, and this team is by far their youngest ever, with no less than nine rookies. Two Olympians head the defence in Dianne Alagich and Leanne Trimboli. This season's focus is much more on providing experience, but you can be sure they'll still remain competitive.

N°	*Name*	*Pos*	*DOB*	*H*	*Istory*
1	Emma WIRKUS	GK	11/01/82		Nat League '96/97
2	Sarah BAKER	M	27/03/84		Nat League '99/00
3	Belinda GAWLIK	D	23/03/83		Australian U17 Team '00
4	Ann Marie VOZZO	D	17/08/84		Australian U17 Team '00
5	Tiffany WINN	M/D	04/05/72		Nat League '96/97 '97/98 '98/99 '99/00
6	Kimberley MORRIS (c)	D	07/10/81		Nat Train-On Sqd '98. Aust'n U21 Team '99
7	Dianne ALAGICH	M	12/05/79		Olympic Games '00. World Cup '99
8	Heidi MAY	M	26/04/84		SA Youth Team '00
9	Stacey STOCCO	M	03/04/84		Australian U17 Team '00
10	Jessica HALFPENNY	F	13/05/81		Nat Train-On Sqd '98. Aust'n U21 Team '99
11	Amy GROSS	F	20/08/84		SA Youth Team '00
12	Tanya HARRISON	M	28/06/83		SA Youth Team '00
13	Zoe DOLESJ	D	06/03/85		SA Youth Team '00
14	Tamika JONES	M/F	09/12/83		SA Youth Team '00
15	Chichi MAY	D	13/10/83		Nat League '99/00
16	Karin PRINCE	M	08/08/80		Nat League '96/97 '97/98 '99/00
17	Marie SPAGNOLETTI	M	26/01/70		Nat League '98/99 '99/00
18	Leva L. FATA	F	21/09/74		Debut
19	Christie Lee TSACOS	F	01/02/84		SA Youth Team '00
23	Leanne TRIMBOLI	GK	10/11/75		Olympic Games '00. Australian Team '99-00
1/19	Jordie HINKS	GK	14/02/83		Australian U17 Team '00
1	Leanne GUBBINS	GK	22/12/83		SA Youth Team '00

Coach : Kevin McCORMACK
Asst Coach : Max PRIMARO
Trainer / Manager : Berthy MAY
Sports Scientist : Craig COLDUCK
Massage Therapist : Ben POLLOCK

VICTORIA VISION

'99/00 Placing 6th
'99/00 Top Scorer Leigh TEREK (4 goals)
Team Colours Navy jersey / Navy shorts / Navy socks

After a year's absence and the demise of their ITC program, the Victorians struggled last season. The Vision now herald in a new era, with their recent and long-awaited affiliation with the Victorian Institute of Sport, and will be out to shake their underdog status. Under new coach Jane Oakley, and buoyed by the Institute program, the Victorians are setting off on a new journey, this league season their first big challenge. They have assembled a new breed of youngsters who join a small group of more experienced players.

N°	*Name*	*Pos*	*DOB*	*History*
1	Helen KLERIDES	GK	21/01/72	Nat League '99/00
2	Denise WRIGHT	D	21/11/69	Australian Youth Team '87
3	Chiaro ROMANO	M	16/08/84	VIC Youth Team '00
4	Sarah GROENEWALD	D	22/05/85	VIC Youth Team '00
5	Melissa LOVIE	M	28/10/83	VIC Youth Team '00
6	Diane JANSEN	M	27/09/84	VIC Youth Team '00
7	Emma REA	F	13/06/80	Nat League '96/97 '97/98 '99/00
8	Selin KURALAY	F	25/01/85	Australian U17 Team '00
9	Leigh TEREK	F/M	17/07/79	National Train-On Squad '96-97
10	Caroline SAVILLE	D	06/10/84	Nat League '99/00
11	Kim WARREN	M	11/11/84	VIC Youth Team '00
12	Louisa BISBY	D/M	10/06/79	Australian Squad '97
13	Jessica HUMBLE	F	05/07/86	VIC Junior Team '00
14	Lucy KAPUSTA	D	06/08/80	Nat League '99/00
15	Daniella DIGIAMMARCO	M	05/09/76	Australian Youth '95
16	Sarah HOCKING	GK	01/03/84	VIC Youth Team '00
17	Alena KAPUSTA	D	06/08/80	VIC Youth Team '98-99
18	Caroline McEVOY	D	18/06/79	Nat League '96/97 '97/98 '99/00
19	Belinda PACELLA	F	26/09/84	VIC Youth Team '00
20	Melissa BARBIERI	GK	20/01/80	National Train-On Squad '97
21	Anthea VARDAKAS	M	29/03/85	VIC Youth Team '00
22	Katrina GOURAMIS	D/M	25/02/85	VIC Youth Team '00
	Carolina OOSTDAM	M		

Coach : Jane OAKLEY World Cup '95. Australian Team '84, '87-95
Manager : Maggi KOUMI
Physio : Nino LA SCALA

1999 WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: FINAL STANDINGS

	P	*W*	*D*	*L*	*F*	*A*	*Pts*
NSW SAPPHIRES	10	7	2	1	26	8	23
SASI PIRATES	10	5	4	1	13	8	19
QAS STING	10	5	3	2	21	8	18
NORTHERN NSW PRIDE	10	3	2	5	18	19	11
ACTAS CANBERRA ECLIPSE	10	2	1	7	15	30	7
VICTORIA VISION	10	1	2	7	8	28	5

GRAND FINAL (20 November 1999)

NSW SAPPHIRES 1 SASI PIRATES 0
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ROUND 1:
Northern NSW Pride v Victoria Vision
QAS Sting v SASI Pirates
NSW Sapphires v ACTAS Canberra Eclipse

ROUND 2:
SASI Pirates v Northern NSW Pride
ACTAS Canberra Eclipse v QAS Sting
Victoria Vision v NSW Sapphires

ROUND 3: Friday 17 November, Canberra
NSW Sapphires v Northern NSW Pride
ACTAS Canberra Eclipse v SASI Pirates
Victoria Vision v QAS Sting

ROUND 4: Sunday 19 November, Canberra
QAS Sting v NSW Sapphires
Northern NSW Pride v ACTAS Canberra Eclipse
SASI Pirates v Victoria Vision

ROUND 5: Saturday 2 December, various venues
SASI Pirates v NSW Sapphires (Adelaide)
Northern NSW Pride v QAS Sting (Northern NSW)
Victoria Vision v ACTAS Canberra Eclipse (Melbourne)

SEMI FINAL: Saturday 9 December, venue TBA
2nd placed team v 3rd placed team

GRAND FINAL: Saturday 16 December, venue TBA
1st placed team v winner semi final

Matt takes over from 25 season veteran

CENTRAL COAST youngster Matthew Collitts has taken over the number one shirt following the retirement of NSL and NSW State League stalwart, Gary Meier. 45-year-old Meier made his NSL debut for Sydney Olympic in the inaugural season of the NSL back in 1977 (pictured above playing NSL in 1992 and inset last season with the Coasties).

Meier played youth football with Pan Hellenic before breaking into the Sydney Olympic team in 1977 when he played 26 league games.

Parramatta's sea change

PARRAMATTA Eagles are one of the big boys of State League football.

Their presence in any senior competition is almost taken for granted.

They, as they say, have been there and done that.

A stint in the NSL didn't do them any bad turns either, and it is difficult to find anyone who had cause to celebrate their untimely demise form the elite of Australian football.

Politics was more at play than football and in an age when clubs traditionally spend far more than they earn and teeter on the brink of bankruptcy the Eagles were a refreshing change; they paid their bills on time, owed no-one a cent and even managed to win trophies—a record which many current NSL clubs would grasp with relish.

So it is no surprise that most people consider the Granville based club one of the early favourites to be up there amongst the winners of the Premier League.

But that would require a major turn around in their results from last season when they slipped out of the 'successful clubs' frame where they had been for the last twenty years.

"Last year we drew 14 of our 26 games," lamented club president Sam Vella.

While not elaborating on it he clearly feels that something was missing from that side.

In the end the club parted company with coach, Doug Utjesenovic.

Vella, however, refuses to buy into any talk of sackings.

"No, we parted on good terms," he says.

"It was a split by mutual agreement.

"Every club needs to make changes.

"There was no problem there."

Under new coach Tam Finlayson, the Eagles had the difficult task of traveling to Toyota Park in Cronulla to play the opener of the new season against a pumped up Sutherland Sharks.

Ironically the Sharks are also a club with their eyes on the NSL, the difference being that there are some in Australian football who consider the Eagles part of the old guard while the Sharks represent the new guard.

Realists see them both as good clubs and steer clear of the murky waters of soccer politics.

But the resulting draw would nearly bring tears to Sam Vella's eyes.

His passion for the club which has been his life is obvious, his desire to get back amongst the silverware is just as clear.

Tam Finlayson was also concerned that his side didn't get the thee points.

Particularly when his side squandered a couple of good chances in the first half and then late in the second a few offside decisions went against them.

That was enough to bring the vocal Parramatta fans to their feet, Vella amongst them.

But in the end the Eagles were lucky to get away with even a point, 'keeper Jason Holmes pulling off a superb save in the dying minutes.

So was it a case of a point saved or two lost?

Sam Vella just points to the fact that last season's draw record was woeful—and you know that a sea change is required at Melita Stadium this season.

Blue Devils 'secret' weapon sits it out

By Bruce Campbell

THEY could yet well be the team that upsets this season's inaugural Premier League.

Belconnen Blue Devils are the side that most fear—simply because they are still largely an unknown quantity.

Parramatta Eagles played a pre-season friendly against the men from the capital—and were taken to the cleaners for their trouble.

But Bells president Tony Paterson reckons that Parramatta got off lightly, because his side was without its secret weapon, 'Mad Max' Marko Perinovic.

The man that knows no fear is sitting this season out after undergoing a knee reconstruction which has Paterson ruing what might have been.

"Marko would have been a real handful for this league," said Paterson.

"That is one thing in our favour, that we are so unknown and I am sure that that combined with Marko up front would have done a lot of damage.

"Parramatta took us lightly and they paid the price."

Belconnen are currently completing their *second* licensed premises—and one which will eventually see them with their own 12,000 all-seater stadium.

Already they have the full use of their Belconnen way club and now have a second club at MacKellar.

Combine that with the 6,000 plus juniors in the four Belconnen junior clubs and it is easy to see that they are just the kind of club that the Premier League sees as a prime asset.

"NSWSF President Peter Gray came down to Canberra to see what we have got and he spoke to my predecessor Baz Pietrukowski (left)," says Paterson.

"We are all really looking forward to this season.

"I am sure that if we can get a winning team on the park then we will also get the support of a good crowd.

"We only have one import in this side, the rest are all local boys so that should help us with Canberra fans also."

The one import is midfielder Mark Jenkins, a former Queensland Under 19 state player who was signed from Brisbane City.

But the Blue Devils are bustling with local talent, even although they lost a lot of their youth team players to Canberra Cosmos.

Two clubs, a mass of juniors, their own stadium—and the next three games at home.

Belconnen might just be the team to catch come Christmas.

SuperSoccer speaks to

Steve Riches: Blacktown City

YOU could be forgiven for thinking that football is just a hobby these days for Steve Riches, Blacktown City's left sided midfielder

He has played in England and already has a cupboard full of success in his two season at Blacktown City.

But at 24 this Demon has plenty of football to come.

Even his mates at work described him as a 'soccer junkie'.

This season there is big competition for spots as Brian Brown looks to create history at the west Sydney club with his bid to bring home four championships in a row

And Riches has responded well, forcing his way back into the coach's plans after at one stage looking to be on the outer

"Over the last three weeks or so he has been exceptional in training," said Brown

"He certainly forced me to rethink my plans for the season and I am delighted.

"Steve is a nice lad and a really good player."

The player himself found it difficult to return from England, a decision which he is honest enough to say he now regrets with that marvellous benefit of hindsight.

"I was playing in a standard which really isn't much better than it is here," he says.

"I thought that it was time to come back to Australia and enjoy the lifestyle that Sydney has to offer"

Riches was playing at Leyton Orient and lists one of his biggest thrills being in the side that took the field when all-time English goalkeeping icon played his 1,000th game

That was in October 1996 but despite the massive promotion which involved red carpets and helicopters the game ended in a 1-0 loss.

"I'm still enjoying my football," he added now in his third season at Blacktown, "even if the intensity isn't quite the same

"At Blacktown we train three nights a week and most clubs at this level would put that in.

"Sometimes its hard because players have different commitments so there isn't always a full squad there

"That makes it difficult to do certain drills but the coach always gets by that problem

"We work hard and the training is varied enough to keep the interest level up

"However, it was great being full time when I was at Orient.

"We trained every day from 10am until 1pm.

"In Australia, particularly with part time football, it is hard to rehabilitate after an injury

"You have to go to work with those injuries and try and shake them off

"I'm lucky in that I work at Fitness First in Mosman and everyone here is great.

"The know I play soccer and it works in well with being employed at a fitness studio"

Riches lists his main ambitions as staying fit and keeping playing.

These are his pre-season goals, something which he always sets himself

"It is going to be a hard season this time," he adds

"The shorter season will make everything a bit tougher.

"All of the team are a bit stronger.

"But I expect Blacktown City to be up there aiming for the double of Premier League and Grand Final

"This is a strong side and my other ambition has to be in making the starting team at Blacktown."

He didn't manage that in his side's opening win against Leichhardt Tigers.

Nevertheless he came on in the second half of a 1-0 win which keeps his club at the right end of the table and on target for those ambitions.

But Steve Riches isn't one of those players who relishes summer soccer, maybe with his proximity to Sydney's legendary beaches being a factor in that thinking

"You have to get on with it, though," he says with realism

"I would personally not like to play in summer.

"Football is traditionally a winter sport but we are all up for the change at Blacktown.

"I do like the idea of the smaller league even although there will be no easy games for us"

Reflecting on his spell in England when he also played alongside big names like Ray Wilkins and Alvin Martin Steve Riches remembers every game attracting four or five scouts from other clubs

"Looking back that was my mistake," he adds

"There were always scouts there and if you were in the right place at the right time then you had a chance of being noticed."

So does that mean that he would take a gamble on playing in the NSL?

"In a heartbeat," he replies quickly

"Sure, just to get the opportunity of playing week in and week out.

"It is always great testing yourself at the highest level, that has to be anyone's ambition"

But for now it is back to his present ambitions, and being part of Blacktown as they set out to make history in the NSW Premier League.

Sure It's a Grand Old Team To Play For

By Bruce Campbell

BILLY McColl doesn't wear his heart on his sleeve—it's on his socks. There, with a background colour of green, is the word 'Celtic'. To any follower of Scottish football that says it all

Then while in conversation with the Sutherland coach and with his phone ringing comes the final proof; the ringing tone chimes *'Sure it's A Grand Old Team to Play For'*. Billy laughs, he is still a passionate 'Tim' - despite his first name and his many years in Australia.

But there is more to this man that meets the eye

"Look, I'm a Sydney Olympic supporter," he says.

"I go to every one of their games.

"And I think that is the secret for Australian football—we need to all pull together.

"The NSW Premier League needs to be a feeder league for the NSL, the Super League needs to be a feeder league for us and so on.

"That is the way it should be.

"If that can happen then the game here will be very strong, but we need to get behind each other first."

McColl has a point.

The lack of commercial television exposure is a sad indictment on the massive player base of Australia football. The token coverage given by Channel 7 is a thorn in the side of those currently on the board of Soccer Australia.

NSL Vice Chairman Ian Knop recently slammed the network on SBS's topical *On The Ball* programme recently. It is a sentiment which Billy McColl shares.

That SBS has a bigger base than the so called national Seven network is even more ironic, considering that former SA chairman David Hill signed away a ten year agreement because SBS didn't have the notional coverage required to take the Australian game into the households of the average fan.

Now that coverage is restricted to those fortunate enough to live in the scattered areas covered by cable TV and supplemented by a past midnight midweek wrap up programme

It is the sort of coverage that does not impress soccer passionates like McColl

He wants to see as much as he can of the national league and in turn wants to play his part in the development of the game in his adopted country.

Despite the fact that his knowledge of the Scottish game is minute by minute up to date his real passion is Australian football. That is his bread and butter

And he sees the advent of the Premier league as being very much a step in the right direction.

"I hope the NSL clubs do come to watch our games," he adds

"We have to be part of it all, that will be the way we can succeed".

Sharks fire on and off the field

By Bruce Campbell

SUTHERLAND turned on a night of excitement and entertainment for the biggest crowd of the opening round in the inaugural NSW Premier League last Saturday night.

The match against Parramatta Eagles was promoted by the Cronulla Leagues Club at their Toyota Park (formerly Endeavour Park) ground and a bumper crowd of 3,000 plus were treated to a night of on and off field entertainment.

Club officials also entertained a packed VIP suite which included some of the big names in Australian football administration including president Peter Gray and his board of directors from NSWSF.

"This is a great night for the game," commented one of the guests.

"It shows that there is interest in the game at this level.

"Some of the NSL clubs would be happy to get a crowd like this.

"This whole area is just a great catchment area for the game—it is really waiting to be developed and Sutherland Sharks are definitely on the right track here."

The game itself had its shares of thrills and spills, including two goals, great saves from both goalkeepers, border line refereeing decisions and late chances at either end of the park—all of which kept the crowd there until the final minute.

At the end of the game Sutherland coach Billy McColl remained upbeat about his side's chances in the Premier League.

"We've got a brand new side and it is going to take time to put it together," he said.

"But we can improve 100% in all aspects of our game.

"A few of the boys were a bit nervous in the dressing room before the match.

"Some of them aren't used to playing in a match like this in front of a reasonable crowd, a big stadium and all the hype.

"Because of that it took us about 20 minutes to settle down."

The pragmatic McColl knows full well that it is on the park that his club can secure its future.

On the basis of the first game he has assessed just where and how to make those improvements and intends to address them quickly over the coming weeks.

The lack of consistency and tendency to lose shape caused him anxious moments throughout the match yet he remains confident that he can instil the discipline necessary to match the great strides being shown by his board of directors off the field.

"They can expect performances on the park," he says.

"I have no problem with that because I am here to deliver.

"When I came into the club I said that we would be as far away as possible from the wooden spoon spot where the boys finished last year.

"We'll take one game at a time now.

"I think it will be an even competition because all of the teams have strengthened.

"However I think Bonnyrigg will win the league.

"Bonnyrigg, Blacktown, Leichhardt and St George—they'll make up the Top Four.

"They have all strengthened and are better than the rest of us and the other teams will be challenging those big boys."

McColl is very much the new age coach, quickly recognising that the off field aspect is vital to not just success but survival.

"It was a good crowd and the boys performed well," he said of the opening night gala.

"I'd like to thank Cronulla Rugby League club who did a great promotion."

With a smile on his face McColl can certainly look forward to a good season, content that progress is already showing through both on and off the field.

"We've got a lot of good young kids at this club who will come through over the next season or so," he laughed.

"But I'm not going to name then because then the NSL clubs will come along and pinch them.

"I'm not going to do their work for them.

"I'm not here to make their job easier."

Balla defies theory

IMPORT Balla Conde could well be a match winner for Parramatta Eagles this season.

Against Sutherland the coloured striker nearly got on the scoreline.

And coach Tam Finlayson will be hoping that Conde, now in another spell at the club, will be sharp enough to do the business for him.

Despite the scoreline against the Sharks he was a disappointed man after the match.

"The boys played well," said Finlayson in a very subdued dressing room.

"We came for the three points.

"But I knew before the game that it would be very hard.

"They were pumped.

"But I thought that in the end maybe the 1-1 scoreline was a fair result.

"It was a good game and really it was end to end stuff.

"I was disappointed that we didn't pout away a couple of our chances."

Finlayson refused to make comment on the late match offside decisions that almost certainly cost the Eagles an important Round 1 victory.

"I've got my own thoughts there but really don't want to comment," he added with a smile.

Finlayson did, however, comment on the pitch which just the night before had been subject to the flash storms which hit parts of Sydney.

"The pitch was fine everywhere except for in the muddle part.

"But then it was the same for both sides, although it did make it hard to play good football on that bit.

"The rest of the pitch was fine.

"Mark Reveley at the back had a marvellous game for us as he always does and Malcolm Meilak's distribution was very good.

"Matthew O'Shea also did well but I was a bit disappointed for Balla.

"In the first half he had a marvellous curling shot which hit the bar and came out.

"Theory says that they should always go into the net but it didn't—it came out."

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Wolves take on the world

THE Oceania Football Confederation in Auckland was the venue last week for the Draw for the 2001 OFC Club Championship, with all eleven OFC Member countries confirming their entry into the tournament.

The 2001 OFC Championship, which is due to take place in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from 9th to 22nd January 2001, will involve two groups of six teams and five teams respectively, playing each other in a round robin competition, with the top two teams in each group qualifying for the semi finals.

The subsequent winner of the Final will then represent the Oceania Confederation at the FIFA World Club Championship in Spain, from 30th July to 12th August 2001

Australian champions Wollongong Wolves will represent Australia as its lone contestant in the Oceania qualifying phase—despite an eleventh hour bid by South Melbourne to join them.

South Melbourne won the Oceania group last time around and have argued that as reigning champions they should have been included.

South Melbourne played in the inaugural World Club Championship earlier this year in Brazil.

They failed to win a match in a four team group which included Vasco da Gama and Manchester United.

Napier City-Rovers will represent New Zealand in the Oceania competition.

NZSoccer has announced that the double NCC and Chatham Cup winners, Napier City-Rovers, have been invited to represent New Zealand at the FIFA World Club Championships Oceania qualifying series.

Following their emphatic Bluebird Chatham Cup victory in September over New Zealand's last representatives, Central United, Napier got the nod although there was speculation that they would first have to play-off against the Football Kingz.

Napier City Rovers have announced three more signings for their squad to compete in the Oceania playoffs.

The latest additions include the securing of the services of All-Whites midfielder, Graham Pearce from University-Mt Wellington and influential Martin Disley, from Western Suburbs.

The signings were announced by Napier Coach, Colin Howe.

The return of canny midfielder Paul Halford, an important member of Napier's previous campaigns, and also that of the Miramar Rangers NCC captain, Andy Rennie will boost Napier's chances.

Wide midfielder Chris McIvor and Scott Pilcher have re-signed for the 2001 campaign whilst former All White striker and Golden Boot winner from the 1998 Summer National League Rupert Ryan has also confirmed his alliance with the Blues

McIvor, who scored ten goals in the 2000 double winning campaign, including a spectacular effort in the Chatham Cup final, and Pilcher, who constantly impressed with his blistering pace and close ball control, will be expected to once again provide many of the bullets for the Bluewater Blues next season.

Ryan, who was to have signed for Napier for the 2000 season before a foot injury curtailed his season, provides the Blues coaching staff with another potent attacking option.

A vital member of the 1998 national champions Napier side Ryan moved to Sweden to pursue his soccer career, however after two seasons chose to return to New Zealand.

He was on the verge of signing with Napier early in the year before x-rays showed a fracture in his right foot requiring surgery and time in a cast.

Rovers Commercial Manager Robbie Parker confirmed the club's delight at securing three more quality players.

"We certainly won't lack firepower next year," he said.

"Chris and Scott are bound to cause havoc for opposing defenders with their speed.

"Both are extremely positive in how they approach the game and like nothing more than taking players on, whilst in Rupert we have one of the best strikers in the business, technically he's brilliant and a great finisher, as he showed in '98."

Napier will prove to be Wollongong's main opponent with both Australia and New Zealand suprisingly linked in the same group

And with the October 31 deadline for registering players now having being extended to fifteen days before the tournament by OFC Wollongong have time to bolster yup what is regarded as a small squad.

Corinthians of Brazil became the first official world club champions. The Sao Paulo team beat Rio de Janeiro's Vasco da Gama in a penalty shoot-out at the end of an intensive goalless draw in the Maracana Stadium.

In the shoot-out, each goalie saved a penalty but Vasco missed two, the vital kick being put wide by one of the tournament's outstanding players, Edmundo.

world club championships oceania qualifying tournament

GROUP A
2000 Club Champion (Fiji)*
Unitech FC (Papua New Guinea)
Wollongong Wolves (Australia)
Napier City (New Zealand)
2000 Club Champion (Solomon Islands) **
Lotoha'pai (Tonga)

* Fiji Football Association will decide its Club Champion by 12 November.
** Solomon Islands Football Federation will decide its Club Champion by 11 November.

GROUP B
Tupapa FC (Cook Islands)
Pansa FC (American Samoa)
Titavi FC (Samoa)
AS Venus (Tahiti)
Tafea FC (Vanuatu)

The match schedule for the tournament will be announced 20th November 2000.

THE ROAD TO TOKYO

OCEANIA QUALIFICATION SERIES

GROUP A	GROUP B
Australia	New Zealand
Tonga	Tahiti
Fiji	Solomon Islands
American Samoa	Vanuatu
Samoa	Cook Islands

The winner of group 1 and group 2 will compete in a home-and-away play-off. The winner will qualify to compete in a home and away play-off against the team coming fifth in the CONMEBOL preliminary competition. The winner will qualify for the final competition of the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan

CONMEBOL QUALIFICATION SERIES

		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1	Argentina	9	7	1	1	20	8	22
2	Brazil	9	5	2	2	20	9	17
3	Paraguay	9	5	2	2	13	8	17
4	Colombia	9	4	3	2	8	6	15
5	Uruguay	9	4	2	3	12	7	14
6	Ecuador	9	4	1	4	10	13	13
7	Chile	9	3	1	5	11	11	10
8	Peru	9	2	2	5	6	8	8
9	Bolivia	9	2	2	5	5	14	8
10	Venezuela	9	1	0	8	5	26	3

Matches still to play:

14-11-00	La Paz	Bolivia vs Uruguay
14-11-00	Brazil	Brazil vs. Colombia
14-11-00	Asunción	Paraguay vs. Peru
14-11-00	Santiago	Chile vs. Argentina
14-11-00	Venezuela	Venezuela vs. Ecuador
27-03-01	Buenos Aires	Argentina vs. Venezuela
27-03-01	Quito	Ecuador vs. Brazil
27-03-01	Montevideo	Uruguay vs. Paraguay
27-03-01	Lima	Peru vs. Chile
27-03-01	Bogotá	Colombia vs. Bolivia
24-04-01	Brazil	Brazil vs. Peru
24-04-01	La Paz	Bolivia vs. Argentina
24-04-01	Quito	Ecuador vs. Paraguay
24-04-01	Santiago	Chile vs Uruguay
24-04-01	Venezuela	Venezuela vs Colombia
02-06-01	Montevideo	Uruguay vs Brazil
02-06-01	Buenos Aires	Argentina vs Colombia
02-06-01	La Paz	Bolivia vs Venezuela
02-06-01	Asunción	Paraguay vs. Chile
02-06-01	Lima	Peru vs Ecuador
14-08-01	Brazil	Brazil vs. Paraguay
14-08-01	Quito	Ecuador vs Argentina
14-08-01	Santiago	Chile vs. Bolivia
14-08-01	Bogotá	Colombia vs. Peru
14-08-01	Venezuela	Venezuela vs. Uruguay
04-09-01	Buenos Aires	Argentina vs. Brazil
04-09-01	Asunción	Paraguay vs. Bolivia
04-09-01	Santiago	Chile vs. Venezuela
04-09-01	Lima	Peru vs. Uruguay
04-09-01	Bogotá	Colombia vs. Ecuador
06-10-01	Montevideo	Uruguay vs. Colombia
06-10-01	Brazil	Brazil vs. Chile
06-10-01	La Paz	Bolivia vs. Ecuador
06-10-01	Asunción	Paraguay vs. Argentina
06-10-01	Venezuela	Venezuela vs. Peru
07-11-01	Buenos Aires	Argentina vs. Peru
07-11-01	La Paz	Bolivia vs. Brazil
07-11-01	Quito	Ecuador vs Uruguay
07 11-01	Bogotá	Colombia vs. Chile
07-11-01	Venezuela	Venezuela vs. Paraguay
13-11-01	Montevideo	Uruguay vs Argentina
13-11-01	Brazil	Brazil vs Venezuela
13-11-01	Asunción	Paraguay vs Colombia
13-11-01	Santiago	Chile vs Ecuador
13-11-01	Lima	Peru vs. Bolivia

Foster singed to add experience and help develop youngsters

By Bruce Campbell

NORTHERN Spirit's recent signing Craig Foster has thoughts of seeing the rest of his career out in the NSL, and hopefully with the north harbour side club

"I see myself finishing in Australia," he said

"I had planned to come back here in two years time but problems with my visa at Crystal Palace meant it happened so much quicker.

"But I'm very pleased to come back home, particularly with my family

"Playing football in Britain was great even although at Palace the financial situation didn't help

"There were players being sold left, right and centre but I was pleased to be club captain at Palace

"They were a good bunch of lads and I think we did the right thing by the club over the last two seasons."

At Spirit, Foster's vast experience will be relied upon to help develop a lot of the club's younger players—and also to bring some on-field success to the club.

"I've got plenty of football left in me," says Foster, "but my immediate goals are with the national side and Northern Spirit."

Foster, who also had spells at Adelaide City and Marconi before moving to England, believes that the recent purchase of Spirit by Glasgow Rangers is a good thing for the Australian game

"Yes, I do," he says.

"The club were in financial trouble and Rangers have certainly helped there.

"But Australian football produces a lot of very good youngsters—Leeds have got half of them at the moment," he adds with a laugh.

"I am sure that Glasgow Rangers along with other clubs like West Ham have looked at that and want to set up some kind of a feeder club.

"Australia is a real breeding ground for talent and really the NSL can do with all the financial help it can get."

Foster also looks to the example that former Rangers manager Graeme Souness set when he altered the face of Scottish football by starting to sign top players rather than selling them.

With the arrival Down Under of the Scottish giants that could possibly be a change of direction in current Australian football also.

"I think you are right," he says

"In the last few years the leading clubs have been Northern Spirit, Perth Glory and Carlton, even although they have had their financial troubles too, but those three have set a new benchmark, there is no question about it, both on and off the pitch

"Northern Spirit haven't achieved what they want as far as the team goes but I think you are right that whatever connections Rangers have can only help the standard of the league and then raise the level which other clubs have to match."

Foster is already on target with Northern Spirit getting off to a good start in the new season—now he will wait anxiously for Frank Farina to name his next Australian squad.

NSL ROUND 3 IN REVIEW

SYDNEY United has maintained its position at the top of the National Soccer League table, despite being thumped 4-0 by a rampant Carlton, in Round 4 action.

Archie Thompson led the charge for Carlton with a double, netting his first in the 25th minute, and his second from the penalty spot in the 42nd, to take his tally for the season to five.

Carlton's momentum didn't let up in the second half, Angelo Motsiopoulos scoring his opener for the season in the 56th minute, and Olympian Simon Colosimo starting to make goal-scoring a habit, his effort four minutes from time capping things off for the home side.

The victory pushes Carlton into joint second place, along with Sydney Olympic and the Wollongong Wolves, just one point behind United.

The Wolves picked up their second win of the season with a hard fought 2-1 victory over the Melbourne Knights, in Sunday's only other match.

The Knights could have gone to the top of the League ladder with a victory, but their aspirations were squashed late in the first half, Wolves captain Matt Horsley scoring his second successive goal for his side in the 41st minute, followed just a minute later by a second from midfielder Paul Reid.

Toto Da Costa pulled one back for the Knights, scoring his first for the new season in the 79th, but Wollongong managed to hang on for the valuable victory at Knights Stadium.

Sydney Olympic meantime faced almost 13,000 fans at Perth Oval for the clash with Perth Glory last night, but came away with a point, courtesy of striker Greg Owens, who has now scored in two successive games for his new Club

Owens found the back of the net in the 46th minute, before a Bobby Despotovski penalty in the 55th evened up the scoreline.

Northern Spirit climbed to fifth position with a 4-2 victory over the Football Kingz at North Sydney Oval on Friday night, with striker Ben Burgess notching up a hat-trick.

The 18 year old Englishman scored in the 23rd, 30th and 35th minutes, and in the process, became the 10th fastest NSL triple-scorer .. that record is held by Zeljko Jurin, who netted three times in five minutes for Sydney United, in a 4-0 victory over Blacktown in 1985.

In other games, Marconi capitalised on a defensive error to snatch a 1-1 draw with South Melbourne, to take up the last spot in the Top 6.

South captain Paul Trimboli had given his side the lead in the 17th minute, with the visitors maintaining their advantage until the 81st, when goalkeeper Michael Petkovic picked up a back-pass, the resulting free-kick in the area seeing Brendan Renaud clear the wall and score his first goal for the Stallions this season.

Meantime, Adelaide City finally won its first match of the new season, scoring twice in the last five minutes of play to snatch a 4-3 victory over the Eastern Pride, while the Canberra Cosmos grabbed a draw from the jaws of defeat, goals in the 89th and 90th minutes to Mark Hagger and Jon Angelucci seeing the Cosmos draw 2-2 with the Brisbane Strikers at Suncorp Stadium.

Adding 'Horsepower' at Marconi

Marconi Stallions took a huge step into the future of media coverage of Australian football before their Round 4 NSL showdown against Victorian powerhouse South Melbourne

For the first time the match was broadcast live on the Marconi Stallions website

The club is currently negotiating with infotech company Hotlinks to have every Marconi Stallions game in the 2000/2001 National Soccer League (home & away) broadcast live on the site

Fans can watch the games by logging in to www.marconifc com and click on the broadcast button to hear our Stallions playing live each week.

"Marconi Stallions have merged right into the Information Super-Highway with up-to-the-minute technological 'horsepower' - taking their games to fans everywhere ," says club official Ross Musso.

"Broadcasting on the Internet is the future and Marconi Stallions are again showing the way in Australian soccer."

NSL GRABS

"I cannot believe a manager would say it is important for a player to get into a national team so that he can be showcased and maybe sold to a club. It's not on. It's putting undue pressure on the national coach. I'm not going to allow myself to be backed into a corner by anyone." Socceroo boss Frank Farina (PICTURED) commenting on the 'Simon Colosimo' affair

"I don't think Frank should take exception to what I said. Frank is his own man and will make his own decisions." Colosimo's agent George Christopoulos.

"We'll be looking to break the drought up there. We're steadily raising our standards and our team commitment. It was good to get some points last week. We face a tough game against Brisbane but we are looking to build on last weeks result." Canberra Cosmos coach Tom Sermanni before his side's trip to Brisbane

"They have a formidable squad and renowned attacking attitude in their play, so we look forward to the home crowd roaring us home. It is important we bounce back from last week's final minutes loss against Wollongong. South Melbourne have a formidable squad and renowned attacking attitude in their play, so we look forward to the home crowd to roar us home." Marconi coach Eddie Krncevic before facing South Melbourne.

"Northern Spirit is coming off a good win away from home. The team is dangerous, explosive and plays attacking football. If we are not ready, we could be on the wrong side of a 5-1 loss " Wynton Rufer, the Kingz coach.

"This is a very important home match for us to try and gain some confidence. Parramatta are coming off their first victory of the season and they will be brimming with enthusiasm. We are going to have to match what they deliver and better it." Newcastle's Lee Sterrey before last weekend's match.

"It's always a tough trip to Perth and after their loss last week, they will be hungry for a win. However, if we continue to play as we have, there is no reason why we shouldn't return home with a win." Branko Culina

"Carlton are a very good side and we need to be focused and at our best to get a result. There is still room for improvement with our team as we look to continue our good form." Sydney United's rookie coach Alan Hunter

"No one likes to go to Knights Stadium, but we will go there full of confidence and looking for a win." Ron Corry

"It's looking all right and we are not surprising ourselves. We have worked very hard. We have got a new coaching staff, a lot of new players. We have got a fitness-conditioning trainer who works with the guys and varies the training programs. I have got my own ideas, but they are not that much different. My players have to be fit, committed, mentally tough and play with passion." Alan Hunter on Sydney United's excellent NSL season starter.

"We were in the match at halftime. We will have to work much harder this week to find that self confidence and start to knock in some goals." Newcastle United coach Lee Sterrey on the loss to Power

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Parramatta's Magnificent Seven

By Bryan Cokely

Parramatta Power's Socceroo signing, Alex Tobin—just one of the Sydney club's Magnificent Seven for the new season

ALEX Tobin is very happy with his new surroundings in Parramatta, he has settled in very well and is more than happy with the way he has been treated at the Power

"They have been great I can't speak highly enough of them", said Tobin

It was important for off field affairs to be taken care of, especially when he has been dislocated from a comfortable life in Adelaide

In this regard Tobin's new club Parramatta Power have been thoroughly professional in its dealings with their club captain, one of Australian football most loyal of servants

With six new signings joining Tobin at Power this season, there could have been cause for concern

Not everyone settles in quickly, even just crossing the city

But with all seven coming from interstate or overseas the operation needed a solid organization to oversee their transition

Full marks once again to General Manager Brad Levy and Coach David Mitchell and his support team

So how have the new boys settled in on the field?

Tobin agrees that all have made their mark so far but sensibly would not be drawn on commenting on individual merits of his teammates other than to give praise.

You quickly understand why Tobin is respected as a leader.

Sitting on the fence can betray a lack of confidence but Tobin displays quiet assertiveness and a measured yet affable tone

Indeed the new boys have settled well

Nick Orlic has been a tower of strength at the back, a cliché maybe yet true

He also has the advantage of being left footed, a rare commodity at Power.

Andrew Clarke has shown excellent fitness and has given the team good toil, however he seems more suited to an inside role which means the left midfield options for Mitchell remain few.

Les Pogliacomi has been sound in goals.

He must remain solid this year to see fulfillment of his overseas aspirations and to keep Andrew Crews at bay.

Two good motivating factors.

Up front Hamilton Thorpe has had a fitful start due to niggling injury, he has been bought as an aerial target man, yet his ability on the deck looks equally worthy.

Power could certainly use this variation to much better advantage than they have done.

Terry Venables saw enough promise in him in the past.

He is obviously talented, though his off the ball workrate may seem a weakness.

Twenty goals would set those criticisms aside

Bob Latchford of Everton and England once scored 32 goals in a season, his off the ball work was seemingly lethargic, but intelligent positioning made him an effective delayer of swift counter attacks from the opposition.

Thorpe could do worse than study Latchford's technique.

And finally the imports.

Realistically their input should match their status.

"Yes that's a reasonable expectation", said Tobin

Recently similar signings elsewhere have disappointed.

Carlton's Dave McPherson is one of the few to have given good value of late.

Tobin offers an explanation for this development.

"It is probably due to the fact that Australian players have caught up with overseas standards, the days have gone when someone from the lower leagues can come here and be a star", he said

David Lee has the experience to perform a similar job for Parramatta as McPherson does at Carlton.

Mitchell would have hoped that Lee could have filled the troublesome area of ball winner in midfield, a role he sometimes had at Chelsea

However, his lack of match fitness for that role was exposed at Melbourne Knights

He looked far more comfortable alongside Tobin at the back against Brisbane

Their combined experience with that of Barrett and Orlic should negate a perceived lack of pace in defence, a point denied by Tobin

" I don't agree with that at all. There is no lack of pace," he said

New boy number seven, Joe Miller, has the potential to be as effective as fellow Scottish internationals Alan Brazil and Davie Provan were for Wollongong and Sydney Olympic respectively

His performance at home against Brisbane proved that here is a player that could take this league and a give it a good shake, rattle and roll

Miller has the ability to excite with subtle passing and intelligent use of space.

A lot is expected from Lee and Miller. If they deliver it just could be the best marketing ploy yet seen at Power.

Fans want to see a winning team and attractive play

Northern Spirit fans are living proof that latent support in Sydney can be drawn out.

But if the content seems flaccid against the hype, no amount of positive spin will keep them there

With that in mind Power will be hoping that they will have cause, at play off time to hail the 'magnificent seven'

Oh, and Alex Tobin is as consistent as ever. What else?

Sermanni turns to Japan

CANBERRA Cosmos pulled in coach Tommy Sermanni's J League connection to get the man that they hope will anchor the centre of their defence.

At one stage it looked as if Sermanni, who was assistant coach to Eddie Thomson as Sanfrecce Hiroshima, would go to his native Scotland for the elusive link in his playing plan.

Having already lost Danny But to Sydney United Sermanni attempted to bring back last season's Scottish import, Brian Hamilton.

But now Sermanni is pinning his faith in Hiroshi Miyazawa from J League side Sanfrecce.

Last week Miyazawa underwent a medical in Canberra.

The veteran defender also took part in a full week of training with his new club as well as playing in a trial match against the AIS.

"I think his match fitness is all right," said Sermanni who is concerned at the lack of experience in the heart of his defence.

The Cosmos are being tagged as one of the early favourites to take the drop as Soccer Australia is preparing to release the criteria for inclusion in next season's NSL.

Sermanni knows better than most that vital to his club's chances of long term survival is the ability to shore up a fragile defence.

Miyazawa could be the answer to those prayers.

ARNOLD PROVES PROPHETIC

"Last week was tremendous but we need to perform like that in front of our fans at North Sydney oval. With the Kingz in good form, we should see plenty of goals." Northern Spirit coach Graham Arnold was unusually prophetic as his teenage star Ben Burgess rattled in a hat trick in the demolition of Kingz.

Arnold has been critical of the playing surface at North Sydney Oval, putting that down as one of the factors which stop his side from playing the kind of football he wants.

"The pitch is just too fast," he said, referring particularly to the cricket area in the centre of the ground.

"It is very difficult to play on this."

COKELY ON THE NSL

THE early season form guide can be unreliable for longer-term predictions. Melbourne Knights had a huge pre season, Sydney United have a new and enthusiastic coach, Parramatta have signed some big name players, Northern Spirit have been signed by a big name club.

Grand Final memories may have clouded early season focus, if so who could blame Perth and Wollongong after that cracker of a game. Last term South Melbourne experienced Vasco de Gama in front of 80,000 in Brazil, then found themselves reaching for the hangover potions for the rest of the season, and why not?

Another interesting feature of early season form is the new coach. Generally this person falls into three broad categories. One is the established man with varying degrees of success on his C.V. Second, is the sensible appointment, a bright coach who has served his time with success in the lower ranks or other fields. Third, are the successful players, recently retired or willing to play and coach such as Arnold, Mitchell, Farina, Munro, Hopkins, Krncevic, and the most recent example, Alan Hunter.

Each of these backgrounds has it's own advantages and its drawbacks. The coach coming through the ranks will have been in contact with emerging talent and will have honed his coaching method but might lack the immediate respect of the players.

The seasoned coach will know the scene very well and will have many contacts able to supply a new player. However this type of coach will have picked up some doubters along the way. Romario recently slaughtered Wanderley Luxembergo as being hopeless. You have to wonder how can someone get to that level with no talent. But Romario claims it is the players that make a coach look good. A good yet simplistic point.

It is the untested coach that interests me. Invariably, he will begin with a wave of euphoric freshness, an unblemished record, and swag of 'old mates' that are looking for one last contract. The place will be buzzing.

However in one or two seasons the honeymoon is over, his 'old mates' are now old crocks, the players they replaced are grumbling ... 'he can't coach', the chairman's wallet has slammed shut and the fans stay away. It is then that the best will develop into our future coaching stars.

So who will be the flops and who will earn respect. Which N.S.L. coach is going to find long term success, who will develop clubs and not bleed them dry and who will go on to lead Australia to International glory? Time will tell.

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SCOREBOARD

SOCCER NSW PREMIER LEAGUE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Belconnen	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
2	Central Coast	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
3	St George	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
4	Blacktown City	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
5	Parramatta	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
6	Sutherland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
7	Bonnyrigg	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
8	Canterbury Marrickville	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
9	Leichhardt	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
10	Penrith	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

SOCCER NSW PREMIER LEAGUE (Youth Grade)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Leichhardt	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
2	Belconnen	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
3	Canterbury Marrickville	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
4	Central Coast	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
5	Parramatta	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
6	Sutherland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
7	Penrith	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
8	St George	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
9	Bonnyrigg	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
10	Blacktown City	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	QAS Sting	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
2	NSW Sapphires	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
3	Northern NSW Pride	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
4	SASI Pirates	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
5	Victoria Vision	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
6	ACTAS Canberra Eclipse	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Sydney United	4	3	0	1	6	6	9
2	Carlton	4	2	2	0	9	4	8
3	Sydney Olympic	4	2	2	0	6	1	8
4	Wollongong Wolves	4	2	2	0	6	4	8
5	Northern Spirit	4	2	1	1	7	4	7
6	Marconi	4	2	1	1	4	2	7
7	Kingz	4	2	0	2	9	8	6
8	Parramatta Power	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
9	Melbourne Knights	4	2	0	2	5	7	6
10	South Melbourne	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
11	Perth Glory	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
12	Canberra Cosmos	4	1	1	2	6	5	4
13	Brisbane Strikers	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
14	Adelaide City	4	1	0	3	5	11	3
15	Eastern Pride	4	0	1	3	5	9	1
16	Newcastle Utd	4	0	1	3	2	10	1

SOCCER BRIEFS

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

Friday 3 November

Northern Spirit 4 — Kingz 2
Adelaide City 4 — Eastern Pride 3
Newcastle Utd 0 — Parramatta Power 2

Saturday 4 November

Brisbane Strikers 2 — Canberra Cosmos 2
Perth Glory 1 — Sydney Olympic 1
Marconi Stallions 1 — South Melbourne 1

Sunday 5 November

Melbourne Knights 1 — Wollongong Wolves 2
Carlton 4 — Sydney United 0

NSW Premier League

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND 1

Friday 3 November

St George 2 — Canterbury Marrickville 1
Penrith 1 — Belconnen 4

Saturday 4 November

Sutherland 1 — Parramatta 1
Blacktown City 1 — Leichhardt 0
Central Coast 2 — Bonnyrigg 1

NSW PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE ROUND 1

Friday 3 November

St George 1 — Canterbury Marrickville 2
Penrith 1 — Belconnen 2

Saturday 4 November

Sutherland 1 — Parramatta 1
Blacktown City 0 — Leichhardt 2
Central Coast 1 — Bonnyrigg 0

WNSL

Friday 3 November: ROUND 1

Northern NSW Pride 2 — Victoria Vision 1
NSW Sapphires 2 — ACTAS Canberra Eclipse 1
QAS Sting 1 — SASI Pirates 0

Sunday 5 November: ROUND 2

SASI Pirates 2 — Northern NSW Pride 1
Victoria Vision 2 — NSW Sapphires 2
ACTAS Canberra Eclipse 0 — QAS Sting 3

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Northern Div)

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Northern Spirit	3	3	0	0	12	4	9
2	Marconi Stallions Youth	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
3	Marconi Stallions Colts	3	2	0	1	10	4	6
5	A.I.S.	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
4	Wollongong Wolves	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
10	Parramatta Power	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
9	Sydney Olympic Youth	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
8	N.S.W.I.S.	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
6	Newcastle United Youth	2	1	0	1	3	1	3
13	Sydney United	3	1	0	2	6	4	3
14	Canberra Cosmos	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
7	Q.A.S.	4	1	0	3	4	11	3
11	Sydney Olympic Academy	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
12	Newcastle United Colts	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
15	ACT Academy	3	0	0	3	0	15	0

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE

Friday 3 November

St George 2 (Leon Alexiou 53, Chris Kalantzis 75)
Canterbury 1 (Steve Christoforidis 26)

St George Stadium
Attendance: 600
S George: Alogdellis, Bolianitis (Petrovski 16), Kladis, Verrender, Maglis (Papadopoulos 80), Petratos, Alexiou, Kalantzis, Papageorgiou, Leris, Sevares (Polymenakos 66).
Cautions: Sevares, Petrovski
Canterbury: Bello-Amigo, Collins, Percy, Paradisis (Sidiratos 66), Pelligrino, Christoforidis (Corbo 73), Nikas, Gaffney, Molachino, Kyriazopoulos, Wells.
Cautions: Nikas.

Penrith Panthers 1 (Sweeney 10) Belconnen Bluebirds 4 (Cattanach 14, Lazzari 23, 75, Mauro 80

Penrith
Attendance: 220
Penrith: Necevski, Cleary (Hawkins 81), Sweeney, A Driene, Wright, Sciberras (El Ali 62), B. Casserly, Jones, Hinton, M Driene, Ackerley (Siciliano 73)
Cautions: Wright 52, Cleary 61
Belconnen: Giannasca, Manson (Jenkins 86), Cachia, Pietrukowski, Unwin, Mauro, Zamora, Langone (Whittington 39), Lazzari, Cattanach (Julienne 77), Howarth

Saturday 4 November

Blacktown 1 (Iocca 14m)
Leichhardt 0

Lambert Park
Attendance: 250
Blacktown: Crawley, Langan, Mikoutski, Yates, Racker (Riches 68m), Willard, Gatt, Sermanni (Bradley 77m), Brown, Angievski (Connolly 90m), Iocca
Cautions: Sermanni 39m, Willard 90(+)m
Leichhardt: Anastasiadis, Macolino, Milicevic (Tomasevic 68m), Luksic, Galluzzo, Bruni, Stubbs-Mills, Karavatakis, Adioski, Ucchino (La Rocca 63m), Tomich (Borg 57m)

Central Coast, 2 (Peatey 35' Byrn 70')
Bonnyrigg 1 (Reid 47')

Venue: North Power Stadium
Attendance: 2,000
Central Coast: Moore, Hokin, Matthews, Steele, Williams (Northam 88') Ritchie (Daley 83') Peatey, Cutler, Leary (Roper 66') Byrn, Knight
SUB NOT USED: Collits.
Cautions: Leary
Bonnyrigg: Greco, Utjesenovic, Devrimol, Harding, Gomez, Van Bentum, Hawrysiuk, Mandic (Moring 75') Reid, Huseyin, Luff
SUBS NOT USED: Allen, De Andre, McCann.
Sutherland Sharks 1 (G Bard 2m), Parramatta Eagles 1 (N Joseski 4m)

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Parramatta Eagles 1 (N Joseski 4m)

Toyota Park
Attendance: 5,000
Sutherland Sharks: Dennes Olla (Daniel Farias 43m), Anthony Judge, Jeremy Pettenon, Sean Robertson, Alen Stajcic, Patrick Darvill, Jason Baron, Paul Donnelly (Anthony Kanaan 80m), Grant McDonald, Iain McDonald (Goce Trposki 68m), Grant Bard
Cautions: Stajcic 53m Robertson 90m

Parramatta Eagles: Jason Holmes, Daniel Borg, Malcolm Meilak, Mark Reveley, Tom Bazduric (Ben Delicata 73m), Matthew O'Shea, Nikolce Joseski, Stephen Chipps, Danial Cummins, Ballamodou Conde (Mauricio Islas 86m), Mark Beldham (Adam Anderson 73m)

WOMENS NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday 3 November

Venue: Valentine Park
Northern NSW Pride 2 Victoria Vision 1
NSW Sapphires 2 ACTAS Canberra Eclipse 1
QAS Sting 1 SASI Pirates 0

Sunday 5 November:
SASI Pirates 2 Northern NSW Pride 1
Victoria Vision 2 NSW Sapphires 2
ACTAS Canberra Eclipse 0 QAS Sting 3

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

Friday 3 November
Northern Spirit 4 B Burgess 23', 30', 35' G Mendez 65' (pen)
Kingz FC 2 I Vicelich 41' H Ngata 76' (pen)

Referee Matthew Breeze
Attendance 4,294
Venue North Sydney Oval
Cautions: M Cunico 40' T Stevens 57'

Northern Spirit: 20 Paul Henderson 2 Michael Cunico 3 Matthew Langdon 4 Matthew Bingley 7 Robbie Slater 8 Robbie Enes (-59') 9 Alex Moreira (-75') 10 Gabriel Mendez 11 Troy Cranney 12 Ben Burgess 30 Graham Arnold (-46') Substitutes 6 Scott Thomas (+46') 15 Tony Perinich (+75') 17 Paul Bilokapic (+59') 1 John Perosh (gk) Kingz FC: 1 Julio Cuello (gk) 3 Aaran Lines 4 Levent Osman (-46') 5 Jonathon Perry (-67') 6 Chris Jackson 9 Paul Urlovic 12 Harry Ngata 15 Ivan Vicelich 16 Lee Jones 21 Riki Van Steeden 25 Tim Stevens (-58') Substitutes Gerard Davis (+46') 11 Dennis Ibrahim (+58') 13 Jeffrey Campbell (+67') 23 Simon Eaddy (gk)

Adelaide City Force 4 S Tunbridge 52' 88' B Hassell 54' 86'
Eastern Pride 3 C Bell 3' N Roach 36' A Deak 85'

Referee Peter Green
Attendance 2,821
Venue Hindmarsh Stadium
Cautions N Roach 37' B Jevdjevic 72' B McNicol 77' D Ki Kim 92'+
Red Card: N Roach 51'

Adelaide City Force: 1 Adrian Cagalj 2 Gianluca Lagati 4 Ante Kovacevic 6 Louis Brain 8 Carl Veart 11 Bradley Hassell 12 Scott Tunbridge 13 Christian Rees (-79') 15 Lucas Pantelis 18 Ivan Karlovic 24 Nathan Day (-83') Substitutes 5 Fabrizio Bucciarelli (+79') 14 Aaron Goulding 23 Nick Budin (+83') 20 Daniel Godley (gk)
Eastern Pride: 1 Bojo Jevdjevic (gk) 2 Dean Fak 3 Manny Gotis 4 Dong Ki Kim 6 Brian McNicol 8 Clayton Bell 9 Neville Roach 11 John Hutchinson 12 Naum Sekulovski (-64') 16 Ben Cassar (-81') 17 Paul Wearne Substitutes 5 Ante Deak (+81') 10 Robbie Puca (+64') 14 Juan Nilo

Newcastle United 0
Parramatta Power 2 N Orlic 53' D Lee 59'

Referee Con Dionnis
Attendance 8,287
Venue Marathon Stadium
Cautions A Roberts 50' A Surjan 57' B Swancott 76' T McManus 85' A Clark 69'

Newcastle United: 1 Bob Catlin (gk) (-62') 3 Andy Roberts 4 Chris Zoricich 5 Todd McManus 7 Travis Dodd 8 Mark Wilson (-69') 10 John Buonavoglia 11 Peter Tsekenis (-75') 13 Brad Wieczorek 14 Anthony Surjan 17 Esala Masi Substitutes 6 Glenn Sprod 16 Vasko Trpcevski (+75') 19 Daniel McBreen (+69') 20 Brad Swancott (gk) (+62')
Parramatta Power: 20 Les Pogliacomi (gk) 2 David Barrett 3 Ahmad Elrich 4 Nick Orlic 5 Alex Tobin 9 Joe Miller (-89') 10 Joel Griffiths 13 Milan Blagojevic 17 Brendon Santalab (-75') 23 Andrew Clark (-82') 29 David Lee Substitutes 11 Steve Berry (+82') 21 Hamilton Thorp (+75') 28 Peter Bennett (+89') 1 Andrew Crews (gk)

Brisbane Strikers 2 P Foster 45' P Dwyer 85'
Canberra Cosmos 2 M Hagger 89' J Angelucci 90'

Referee Jeremy Blaney
Attendance 2,546
Venue Suncorp Metway Stadium
Cautions W Srhoj 68' A Castro 19'

Brisbane Strikers
1 Daniel Duke (gk) 3 Shane Stefanutto 4 Jon McKain 5 Matthew Bell 6 Peter Grierson 9 Paul Foster 10 Wayne Srhoj 13 Stuart McLaren 14 Jade North 17 Jeromy Harris (-32') 18 Nick Meredith Substitutes 8 Adam Webber 11 Peter Dwyer (+62') 19 Wade Baldwin (+32') (-62') 20 Nathan Coe (gk)
Canberra Cosmos
20 Barney Smith (gk) 3 Toplica Popovich 4 Andrew Ravanello (-46') 5 Nicholas Purdue 7 Mark Hagger 9 Alex Castro 10 Jon Angelucci 11 David Arranz 15 Marcus Phillips (-69') 17 Robbie Hooker 18 Brad Scott (-69') Substitutes 6 Naoki Imaya (+69') 8 David Milin (+46'14 Andy Rakic (+69')

Perth Glory 1 B Despotovski 55' pen
Sydney Olympic 1 G Owens 46'

Referee Craig Zetter
Attendance 12,894
Venue Perth Oval
Cautions E Junior 78' K Wehrman 41' K Marusic 31' L Wilson 40' A Juric 47' P Kohler 54'

Perth Glory: 1 Jason Petkovic (gk) 3 Jamie Harnwell 6 Gareth Naven 7 Scott Miller 8 Brad Maloney 10 Bobby Despotovski 11 Kasey Wehrman 15 Edgar Aldrighi Junior 16 Damian Mori (-81') 17 Gary Faria (-62') 14 Greg Owens (-78) 19 Nick Carle Substitutes 4 Ljubo Milicevic (+62') 12 Peter Buljan (+81') 14 Dion Valle 20 Tony Franken (gk)
Sydney Olympic: 1 Clint Bolton (gk) 2 Sebastian Sinozic 3 Lindsay Wilson 4 Paul Kohler 5 Scott Baillie 6 Ante Juric 7 Kresimir Marusic 10 Troy Halpin 11 George Goutzioulis (-66') 14 Greg Owens (-78) 19 Nick Carle Substitutes 8 Ante Moric (+78') 9 Mass Sarr (+66') 12 Glenn Moore 20 20 John Karoubas (gk)

Marconi Stallions 1 B Renaud 82'
South Melbourne 1 P Trimboli 17'

Referee Eddie Lennie
Attendance 4,423
Venue Marconi Stadium
Cautions B Renaud 75' Z Susa 14' M Durakovic 41' P Kisnorbo 56' G Lozanovski 88'

Marconi Stallions: 1 David Aceski (gk) 2 Chad Gibson 4 Angelo Costanzo 5 Dominic Longo 8 Darren McDonald 12 Saso Radulovic (-74') 13 Raphael Bove 14 Buddy Farah 15 Royce Brownlie (-64') 17 John Gibson (-74') 19 Brendan Renaud Substitutes 9 Norman Tome (+64') 10 John Maisano (+74') 11 Christian Care (+74') 20 Michael Turnbull (gk)
South Melbourne: 1 Michael Petkovic (gk) 3 Fausto De Amicis 4 Mehmed Durakovic 6 David Clarkson 7 Steve Panopoulos 8 Vaughan Coveny (-79') 9 Paul Trimboli (-70') 10 Con Boutsianis 13 Andy Vlahos 16 Zeljko Susa 19 Patrick Kisnorbo Substitutes 11 John Anastasiadis (+79') 12 Richie Alagich 15 Goran Lozanovski (+70') 20 Chris Jones (gk)

Melbourne Knights 1 T Da Costa 79'
Wollongong Wolves 2 M Horsley 41' P Reid 42'

Referee Gerry Connolly
Attendance 4,863
Venue Knights Stadium
Cautions R Vargas 10' J Vukadin 27' G Souris 43' D Mennillo 75'

Melbourne Knights: 20 David Acevski (gk) 3 Rod Vargas 5 Jason Vukadin 8 Dragi Nastevski 9 Joel Porter 10 Ivan Zelic (-69') 14 Paul Magdic 16 Alex Kiratzoglou 18 Andrew Vargas 21 Zoltan Zold (-60') 22 Toto Da Costa Substitutes 7 Josip Kozic 11 Xhezair Sulemani (+60') 13 Antun Kovacic (+69') 29 Robert Graskoski (gk)
Wollongong Wolves: 1 Daniel Beltrame (gk) 2 George Souris 5 David Cervinski 6 Matt Horsley 7 Paul Reid 9 Saso Petrovski (-65') 10 Stuart Young 11 Scott Chipperfield 15 David Huxley (-90') 17 Ben Blake 23 Dino Mennillo Substitutes 4 Robert Stanton (+65') 13 George Nohra (+90') 119 Steven Dimitrievski 20 Grant Barlow (gk)

Carlton 4 A Thompson 25', 42' pen A Motsiopoulos 56' S Colosimo 86'
Sydney United 0

Referee Perry Mur
Attendance 1,652
Venue Bob Jane Stadium
Cautions A Packer 39' D Burt 20' F Awaritefe 30' V Savoca 42'

Carlton: 1 Dean Anastasiadis (gk) 2 Dave McPherson 3 Craig Deans (-94') 4 Simon Colosimo 7 Robert Middleby 10 Lubo Lapsansky 11 Archie Thompson (-78') 16 David Terminello 17 Angelo Motsiopoulos 18 Steve Horvat 21 Andrew Packer (-72') Substitutes 5 Sean Douglas (+94') 8 Mark Atkinson (+72') 14 John Markovski (+78') 20 Steve Tilovski (gk)
Sydney United: 1 Brett Hughes (gk) 3 Danny Burt (-81') 5 Richard Plesa 6 Vince Savoca 9 Zlatko Arambasic (-60') 10 Nahuel Arrarte 11 Tom Pondeljak 15 Aytek Genc 16 Commins Menapi (-46') 17 Francis Awaritefe 18 Goran Talevski Substitutes 2 Damien Foxe (+81') 8 Mark Silic (+46') 21 Terry Palapanis (+60') 20 Steve Tolios (gk)

PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

LEICHHARDT TIGERS V ST GEORGE SAINTS

Friday 10 November
Lambert Park
1st Grade Kick Off 8pm
Youth Grade Kick Off 6pm

LEICHHARDT TIGERS
First-Grade:
1. Shaun Woods
2. Fabio Macolino
3. Blago Milicevic
4. Richard Luksic
5. Michael Galiuzzo
6. Vuko Tomasevic
7. Joe Bruni
8. James Stubbs-Mills
9. Steve Karavatakis
10. Matthew Borg
11. Sam La Rocca
12. Andrew Nicol
13. Andrew Falas
14. Zoki Adioski
15. Greg Fuchs
16. Tony Tesoro
17. Jason Lal
18. Daniel Ucchino
19. Andrew Nolan
20. Luke Tomic
21. John Paul Boutros
22. Joshua Bulgin
30. Con Anastasiadis
Coach: Les DeCelis

Under-19s: 1. Cameron Moore 2. Paul Nicolaou 3. Liam Cameron 4. Daniel Cunningham 5. Moussa Chahine 6. Joseph Ciano 7. Daniel Coluccio 8. Tom Quilty 9. Michael O'Riley 10. Francesco Zarrella 11. Peter Talcevski 12. Josh De'Kelly 13. Robert Campagna 14. Mark Catelli 15. Garry Van Diggele Coach: John Romeo

St GEORGE
First-Grade:
1. Stacy Alogdellis
2. George Maglis
3. Nick Boliantitis
4. Archileas Markopoulos
5. Michael Kladis
6. Simon Verrender
7. George Zabetakis
8. Bill Petrovski
9. Angelo Petratos
10. Leon Alexiou
11. Chris Kalantzis
13. Mirak Bacek
14. Mark Bariamis
15. Steve Papadopoulos
16. Alex Leris
17. Emmanuel Papageorgiou
18. Bradley Campbell
19. Daisuke Nakayama
21. Max Sevares
22. David O'Han
23. Jamie Danaskos
Coach: John Sentas

Under-19: 1. Murray Nelson 2. Bill Madonis 3. Mark Stavroulakis 4. Tim Jesus 5. Joe Lempriere 6. Paulo Oliveira 7. Misko Pokrajac 8. Mark Guerreiro 9. Mohamed El-Reda 10. Joe Dia 11. Stane Pokrajac 12. Robert Tassone 13. Peter Andriotis 26. Stewart Vella Coach: Ian Gillan

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE V CENTRAL COAST COASTIES

Saturday 11 November
Henson Park
1st Grade Kick Off 7pm
Youth Grade Kick Off 5pm

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE
First-Grade:
41. Jose Bello Amigo
2. Michael Raeburn
3. Mark D'Alessandro
4. Greg Collins
5. Jose Mendes
6. Matthew Percy
7. Con Paradisis
8. Fernando Pelegrino
9. Steve Christoforidis
10. Jim Nikas
11. Angelo Markopoulos
12. Terry Sidiratos
13. Eric Mexis
14. Paul Gaffney
15. Adrian Molachino
16. Simon Fedele
17. Jim Corbo
18. John Kyriazopoulos
19. Scott Wells
1. Steve Angelov
Coach: Jim Patikas

Under-19: 1. Phillip Zabaks 2. Menelaos Kallianis 3. Con Tsiounis 4. Christos Dimitriou 5. Antony Mersiades 6. Arthur Kavgas 7. Andrew Vrahas 8. Marcelo Guerrero 9. Mark Baric 10. Scott Holmes 11. Bruno Silva 12. David Cavaco 13. Evan Hatziantoniou 14. Matias Gulle 15. Themis Kalathas 16. Jonathan Vavasis 20. Tristan Tulloch Coach: George Meglis

CENTRAL COAST COASTIES
FIRST-GRADE:
1. Matthew Collitts
2. Mitchell Daley
3. Marcus Steele
4. Sean Matthews
5. Dane Hokin
6. Steve Cutler
7. Adam Peatey
8. Shane Knight
9. Nathan Byrn
10. Mick Williams
11. Peter Ritchie
12. Cal Roper
13. David Anderson
15. Peter Leary
18. Daniel Surridge
19. Stuart Sontag
22. Darren Moore
Coach: Dale Eggleton
Asst Coach: Andrew Ollier

Under-19: 1. Scott Horvat 2. Scott Jones 3. Nathan Carmody 4. Michael Cook 5. David Brewer 6. Reece Lewin 7. Mark Falzon 8. Justin Selkirk 9. Jason Donnelly Coach: John McClafferty

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES V PENRITH PANTHERS

Saturday 11 November
Serbian Centre
1st Grade Kick Off 7pm
Youth Grade Kick Off 5pm

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES
First-Grade:
1. Fernando Greco
2. Sasha Utjesenovic
3. James Warburton
4. Borislav Dragas
5. Taylun Devrimol
7. Javier Mancino
8. David Harding
9. Colin Luff
11. Johnny Ghisso
13. Robert Gomez
14. Leigh Gunn
15. Stewart Van Bentum
16. Michael Hawrysiuk
18. Rajko Mandic
22. David Reid
23. Devrim Huseyin
20. Trinity Allen
Coach: Doug Utjesenovic

Under-19: 2. Uros Vukelic 3. Daniel Kaluderovic 4. Garth Moring 5. Alex Arregin 6. Zeljko Gusa 7. Abraham Aroyan 8. Stavros Arzapitian 9. Daniel Borg 10. Darrell Fernandes 11. Bill Panoutsopoulos 12. Daniel McCann 13. Ryan O'Shea 14. Richard Minvielle 15. Daniel Koziow 16. Matthew Pearman Coach: Danny Blanusa

PENRITH PANTHERS
First-Grade:
22. Ivan Necevski
2. Paul Cleary
3. Steve Sweeney
4. Kaan Davies
5. Ben Wright
6. Jason Sciberras
7. Bob Casserly
8. Ryan Jones
9. Danny Hinton
10. Martin Driene
11. Chris Ackerley
12. Simon Casserly
13. Scott Ashton
14. Shane Hammond
15. Anthony Driene
16. Jon Hawkins
17. Sandro Borsato
19. Con Siciliano
20. Osvaldo El Ali
21. Alan Worobiej
24. Chad Taylor
Luke Boyd
Dave Gardiner
Tim O'Connell
Coach: Stan Ackerley
Under-19: 1. Chad Taylor 2. Gus Orcajo 3. Dale Fillingham 4. Daniel Wells 5. Shannon King 6. Mark Mijas 7. David Gardiner 8. Craig Speechley 9. Omar Makki 10. Luke Boyd 11. Tim O'Connell 12. Naj Haddid 13. Jason Sciberras 14. Simon Emmanuel 15. Matthew Sutton 17. Brett Eldridge 18. Scott Tyrrell 23. Owen Rogers Coach: Jose D'jalo

BELCONNEN BLUE DEVILS V SUTHERLAND SHARKS

Saturday 11 November
West Belconnen Sports Ground
1st Grade Kick Off 7pm
Youth Grade Kick Off 4.30pm

BELCONNEN BLUE DEVILS
First-Grade:
1. Tony Giannasca
2. Scott Manson
3. Matt Cachia
4. Lee Pietrukowski
5. Craig Unwin
6. Jaime Mauro
7. Oscar Zamora
8. Leo Langone
9. Steve Lazzari
10. George Cattanach
11. Geoff Howarth
12. Robert Schroder
13. Josh Whittington
14. John Rakic
15. Mark Jenkins
18. Matt Julienne
20. Chris Freeman
Coach: Lino Fiorese

Under-19: 1. Chris Freeman 2. Greg Ralston 3. Karl Varley 4. Edward Harris 5. Sam Mehr 6. Trent Exposito 7. Seb Rizzo 8. Richard Pietrukowski 9. Michael Percival 10. Clinton Larfield 11. Brad Smith 12. David Selby 13. Simon Lloyd 14. Steve Lee 20. Michael Thomsen 21. Rhys Turner Coach: Paul Ontong

SUTHERLAND
First-Grade:
1. Dennes Olla
2. Jeremy Pettenon
3. Dejan Ristovski
4. Tony Judge
5. Alan Stajcic
6. Sean Robertson
7. Paul Donnelly
8. Jason Baron
9. Pat Darvill
10. Grant Bard
11. Ahmed Ibrahim
12. Grant McDonald
13. Leigh Magri
14. Kris Karanasos
Coach: Billy McColl

Under-19: 1. Timothy Mitchell 2. Ben Kaznik 3. Scott Allison 4. Nathan Trajcevski 5. Stuart Southall 6. Ray Kelly 7. Andrew Wales 8. Chris Velovski 9. Mathew Toogood 10. Mathew Parker 11. Mathew Said 12. George Golouzis 13. Kris Karanasos 14. Marino Musumeci 15. Carlo Musumeci 16. Sefer Yildiz Coach: Alex Baird

PARRAMATTA EAGLES V BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS

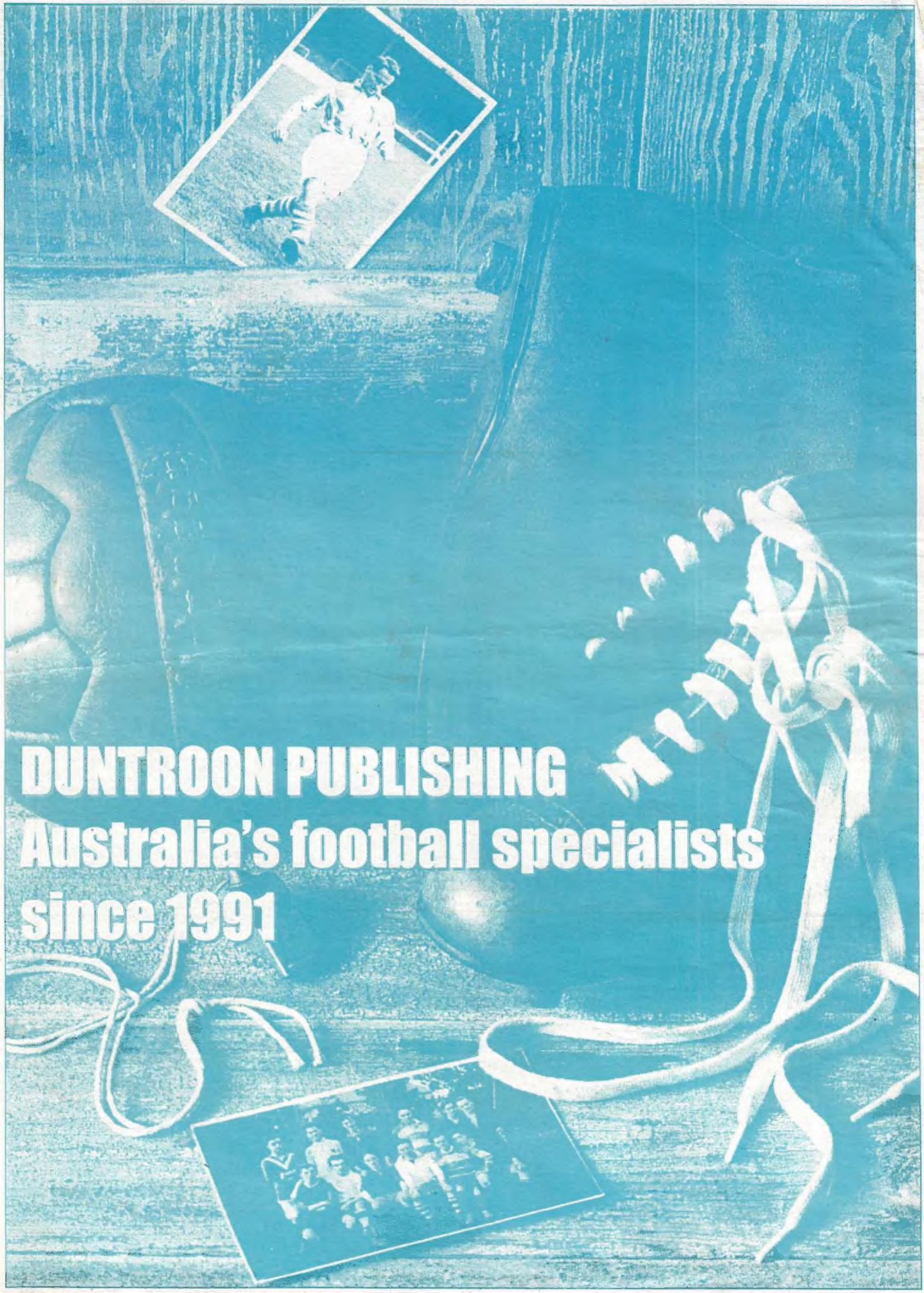
Friday 10 November
Melita Stadium
1st Grade Kick Off 8pm
Youth Grade Kick Off 6pm

PARRAMATTA MELITA EAGLES
First Grade
1. Jason Holmes
2. Daniel Borg
3. Geoffrey Dwyer
4. Malcolm Meilak
5. Mark Reveley
6. Tom Bazdaric
7. Matthew O'Shea
8. Alex Trpkoski
9. Adam Anderson
10. Anthony Mittiga
11. Nikolce Joseski
12. George Wakim
13. Mauricio Islas
14. Stephen Chipps
15. Ben Delicata
16. Daniel Cummins
17. Sung Jin Kim
18. Ballamodou Conde
22. Michael Xuereb
Coach: Tam Finlayson Asst Coach: John Calleja, Don Allan

Under-19 Ben Xerri Andrew Gaddes Nathan Spinks Robert Marangon Henry Schapers Simon Zahra Mark Lancaster Gregory Jackson Stephen Neligan Michael Sowato Michael Debono Alex Muscat Adam Mansueto Alioune Ndiaye Coach: Victor Eliul

BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS
1. John Crawley
2. Paul Yates
3. Jason Connolly
4. Peter Sermanni
5. Chris Bradley
6. Damon Langan
7. Paul Dee
8. Mark Racker
9. Jim Aschner
10. Vadim Mikoutski
11. Damien Brown
12. Zlatko Donev
13. Steve Riches
14. Ben Willard
15. Joshua Maguire
16. Patrick Gatt
18. Adam Kwasnik
19. Robert Angievski
Coach: Brian Brown

Under-19: 20. James Wilkinson 21. Brett Mason 22. Ryan Noble 23 Feruccio Hanza 24. Steve Baveas 25. Chad Lewis 26. Roger Galayini 27. Gokhan Ada 40. Kurt Van Arkells
Coach: Tom McMorrow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